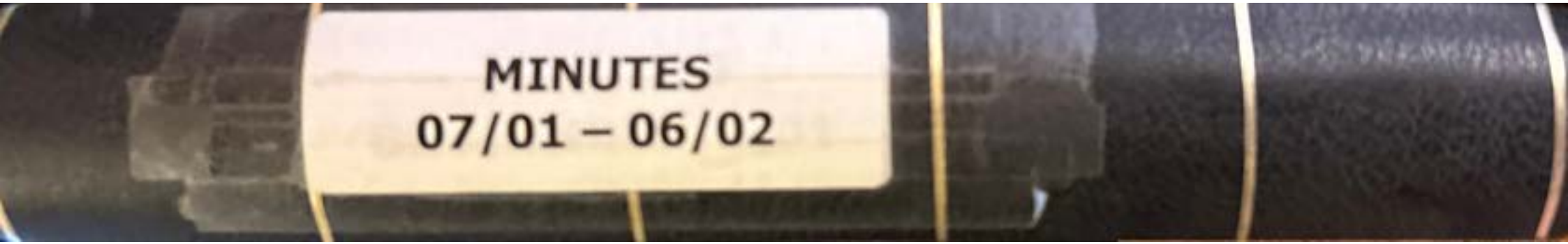
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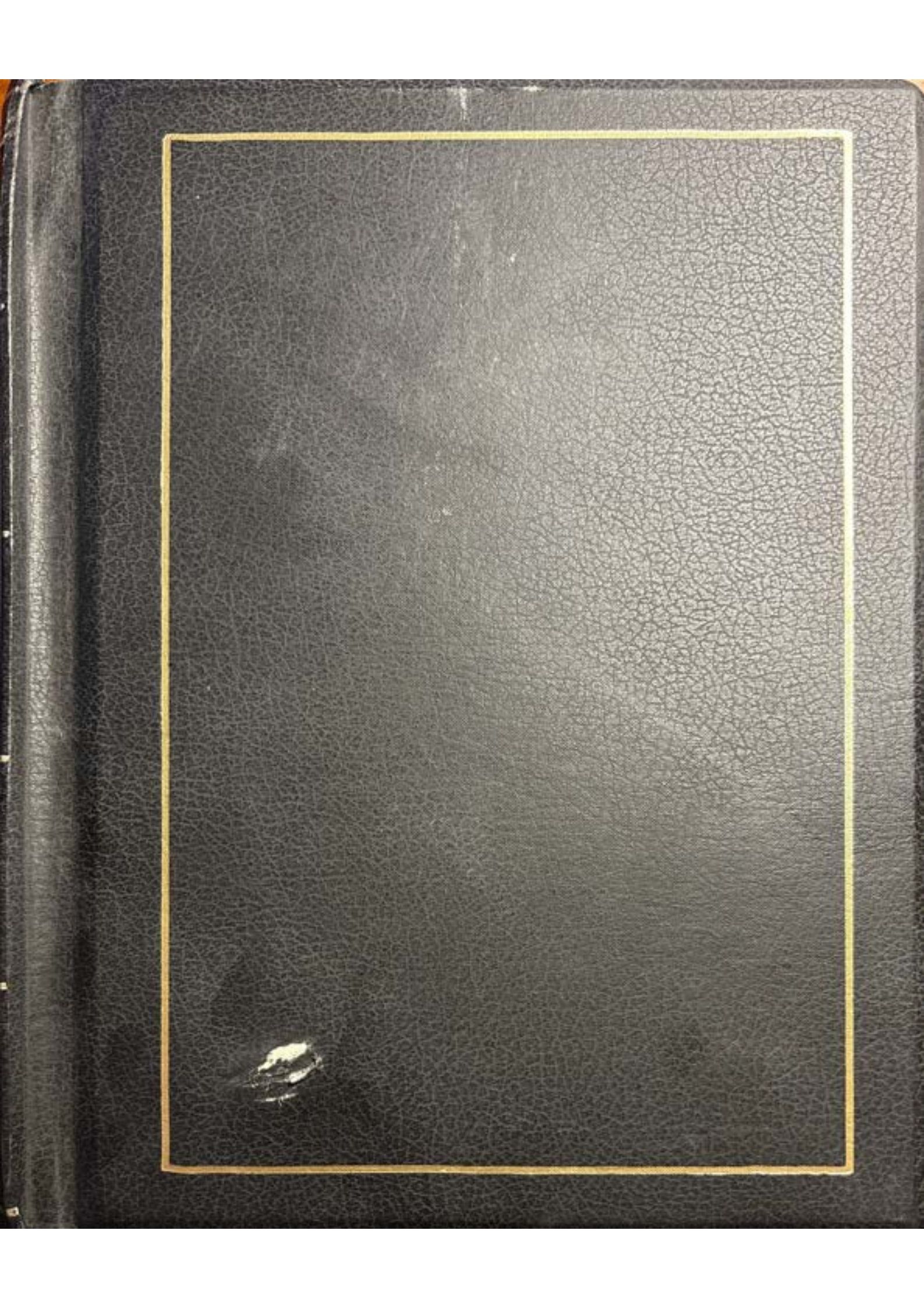

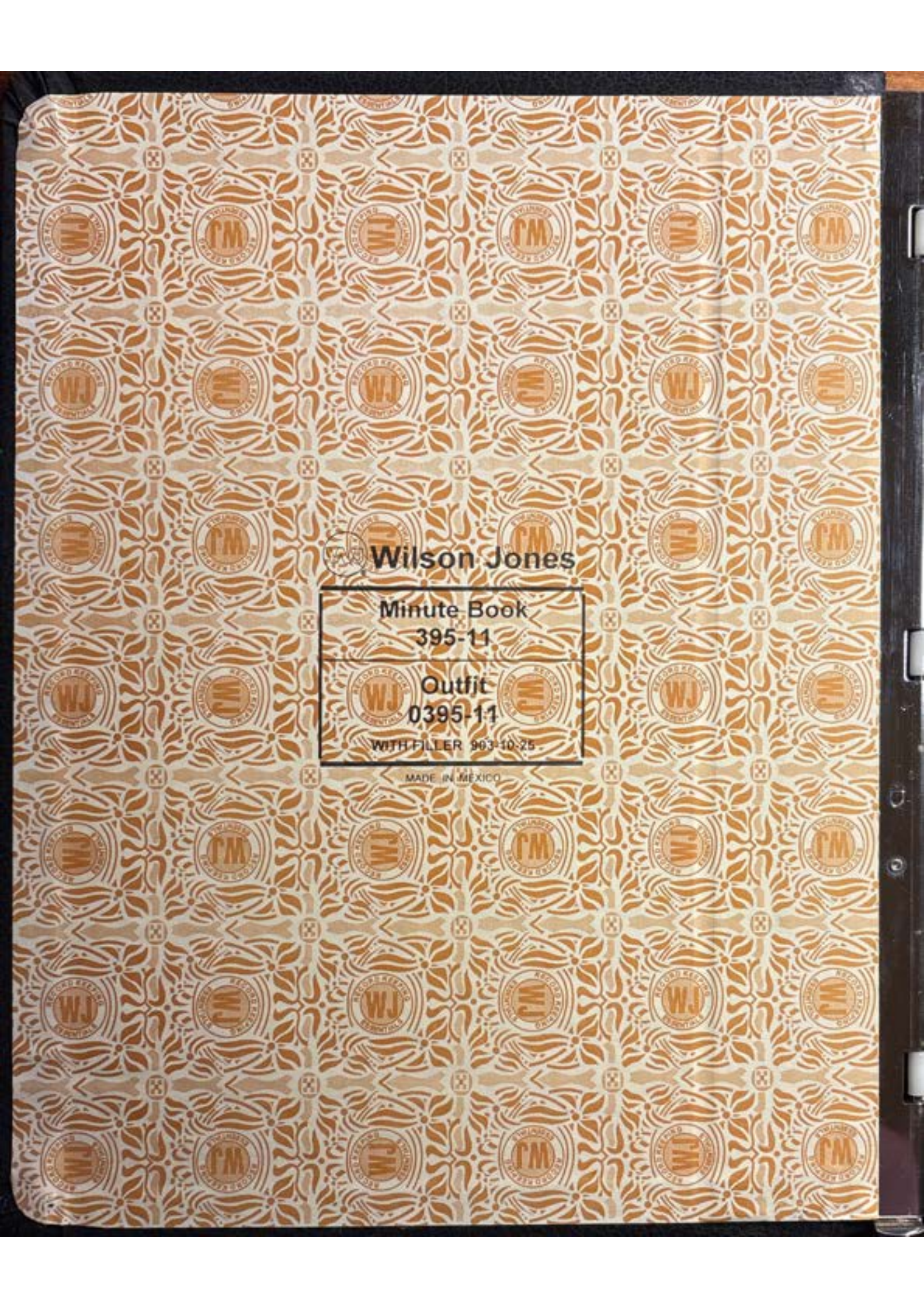
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BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, July 9, 2001

PRESENT
President Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Doorley, and Zollers, Mayor Celano, Borough Manager Pantano, Superintendent Stauch, and Chief Gallen.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Dr. Clark, Chairman
The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

The **Fire Company Expenditure List** was reviewed by all present. There were no questions regarding the list.

CHIEF GALLEN had nothing to report at this time.

CHIEF ZOLLERS, of Enterprise Fire Company, had nothing to report at this time.

JOHN THYBERG, of Second Alarmers, had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. JOHN THYBERG, CHIEF ZOLLERS, and CHIEF GALLEN left at this time.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, Mr. Younglove, Chairman
The meeting of the Administration Committee was called to order at 7:44 p.m.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Administration Committee was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Doorley, Chairman
The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ZONING, DEVELOPMENT & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, Mr. Acker, Chairman
The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:48 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that **Café LaFontana** has applied for a transfer of a liquor license. There is a public meeting set up, to discuss and hear comments on this issue, on July 23, 2001. Councilperson Acker stated that as a result of the state legislatures enactment, a forum must be held to express any concerns about this. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE followed this up by stating that Council needs to determine whether or not the health, welfare, and safety of the public are adversely affected by this. Councilperson Acker mentioned that Council does not approve the liquor license; rather they just hold the meeting.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER said that representatives are here from **43 South York Road**. He said that the application still has to go before the Planning Commission and they will give their recommendation to Council. Tony DiLauro, owner of the property, stated that he purchased the property years ago. He proposes to remove the existing building leaving only the frame shop, then erecting two storefronts.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked the applicant what he would need in order to do this project. Mr. DiLauro stated that he would not need variances for parking. They would go through the Land Development process in order to raise the residential building only. Ron Gray, Commercial Real Estate Agent, stated that Mr. DiLauro ideally proposes to tear down the apartment aspect of the building and erecting a one story building with a flat roof and parking in the back. Councilperson Zollers mentioned that this would go before the Planning Commission and they would discuss the details of lighting, signs, etc. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY inquired about bringing the sidewalks back into continuity with the other sidewalks. Mr. DiLauro stated that they would. Councilperson Acker stated that it seems like an improvement to the property. He reminded everyone that it will go to both the Montgomery County and Borough Planning Commissions and then back to the Zoning and Development Committee in September. Joe Gallagher, resident, asked if the façade would be the same. Councilperson Zollers said the Planning Commission would discuss issues as such. Mr. Gallagher asked if there was a theme for Main Street and complimented how nice Ming's Restaurant and On-a Roll Deli look. Councilperson Zollers stated that there is money set aside and they are trying to make it all one façade for a central theme. Stephanie Diaconis, Main Street Representative, stated that there is a built in incentive to maintain what is already there.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that a representative from the **York Road and Lehman Avenue** application (Commerce Bank) has requested to be removed from tonight's agenda.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER started the discussion about **399 North York Road**. He said the applicant has requested a change in zoning. Hatboro's Planning Commission has reviewed the application and is looking into additional information before they make a recommendation. Councilperson Acker said that Council is hearing comments about it tonight. There is a public meeting scheduled for July 23, 2001 for the public which has been advertised for. He reminded everyone that Council would not take action on this issue at tonight's meeting.

Michael Machenich, representing the applicant, said that the application has been before the Planning Commission and this Committee. The property is on North York Road and is zoned R-1 (Residential) and is surrounded by properties zoned as O (Office). He stated that Dr. Armstrong proposes to combine the two properties. The one advantage is that it allows him to more centrally locate the office and have sufficient parking. He added that they are willing to offer more parking as well. A part of the property is located in the floodplain, which restricts its uses. The Montgomery County Planning Commission recommends the zoning change for this unified office. Mr. Machenich stated that the Borough Engineer has also reviewed it and has recommended the zoning change. He added that last week the Borough's Planning Commission did not take action because of the reason as to why it was rezoned. Mr. Machenich recommends that what they may have thought twenty years ago might not be what is best for right now.

Mr. Machenich said that Council has before them an application for a zoning change. He defined the property as having "spot zoning" and explained this as having no distinguishing characteristics, however, it is zoned differently then the properties surrounding it. He stated that an advantage to having the zoning changed would be that Dr. Armstrong could move the property farther away from the Home Road properties. He mentioned that there are floodway considerations and a floodway fringe.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked about the size of the building. Mr. Machenich stated that there are 7,541 square feet per floor and the building is two stories. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if there would be a retention basin. Gary Tilford, representative for the applicant, stated that flooding would be under the parking area. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS said that a parking area in the floodplain is not allowed. He further added that the Code represents that it's the floodway and it can't be paved on. Mr. Tilford stated that they would have to get special exceptions. Councilperson Zollers said it's the one hundred year flood and this is within the floodplain read section 501.1 from the Zoning Code:

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> "Those areas subject to a one-hundred year recurrent interval flood as delineated in the study entitled Floodplain Information on Pennypack Creek, Montgomery County Pennsylvania prepared by the Department of the Army, Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers."

Councilperson Zollers then read section 501.5 from the Zoning Code:

> "All subsequent changes made in the boundaries shall be indicated on the Floodplain Conservation District Map (The Zoning Map)."

He added that the applicant may have a problem with the parking lot with the special exceptions. He said there is simply no parking. Councilperson Zollers stated that he is concerned and protective of the floodplain area. COUNCILPERSON ACKER added that there is an overall sensitivity to the floodplain at this point.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY inquired again about taking an active role to abate the water flow. Mr. Machenich said they have to prove to the Engineer that they are not making it worse; rather they may be making it better. Councilperson Polaneczky then asked about what has been done with the traffic. Mr. Machenich stated that the entrance would be on Home Road. He said that he's not sure of any consideration about the traffic issue as it is a topic that would be discussed during the Land Development process, which hasn't been started yet. Councilperson Polaneczky recommended considering making the exit onto York Road and having the exit be right turn only.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that it's zoned O (Office) from this property to north of the apartments. He feels the proposed building is too large for the site, however, he would prefer to see this zoned as Office rather than Commercial or Industrial. Councilperson Zollers said that York Road is a four-lane highway and traffic problems, from this building, are a concern. He stated that the traffic with both clients and employees as well as the floodplain issues have him concerned and he questions if there is another way to do this. COUNCILPERSON ACKER recommended that the representatives of the applicant take this information about traffic and water run-off back to Dr. Armstrong. Councilperson Zollers recommended that the applicant purchase a copy of the Zoning Code and reminded them that permits from PennDot would be required.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we just went through this with the dentist office on Crescent Road. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that both Council and the Police Department are aware of the speed and the difficulty of getting in and out of the side streets. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked how big of an office the applicant could erect if this there is not a change is zoning. Mr. Machenich stated that the building could be about 10,200 square feet if you just use the O (Office) section. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked if the applicant would proceed if the zoning is not changed. Mr. Quinn, representative of the applicant, stated that the smaller site would not afford Dr. Armstrong with sufficient on-site parking. As a result he would not proceed if it is not rezoned.

Leanne Jorett, 14 Home Road, asked if there was a legal reason why we have to combine the two lots. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS advised that the property owner and/or developer has the right to request the combination. The Borough has certain parameters to work within and we have to follow the laws. He then stated that no, there is not a legal reason that we are forced to combine the two lots. Joe Gallagher, 42 Home Road, requested that we just leave the property how it is and not give the applicant any variances. Councilperson Zollers replied by saying that we can't just deny their requests, they have rights. We want to protect the Borough's interests under the laws and ordinances we have in the Borough. He further stated that whether or not it will be rezoned is still not decided as this is just the preliminary plan. Councilperson Zollers said if it is approved then there would be a request for a traffic study.

Tom Jorett, 14 Home Road, asked if the Montgomery County Planning Commission based their decision on this flawed plan? Mr. Machenich stated yes, this is the same plan they reviewed. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked how many parking spaces the applicant was required to have. Mr. Machenich stated the minimum requirement was 61 parking spaces. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that the applicant can exceed the parking recommendations, however, the concern is the floodway.

Sally Mandis, 24 Home Road, said there are empty buildings on York Road and requested the applicant to please go there. She would like the applicant to go to a building that already exists. LeAnn Jorett reminded Council that the residents did not complain about the dentist's office on Crescent Road because it was the same size as the houses surrounding it. She said the biggest house on Home Road is about 2,000 square feet and this proposed office is 15,000 square feet. Some issues, which concern her, are traffic congestion and flood lights. She reiterated that this isn't a little corner plot, this is a medical complex, which will be there until Dr. Armstrong retires. She asked Council to not think about what the Doctor wants, rather what it will do to the neighborhood. Ms. Jorett said that the residents don't want to move on to the variance stage because once it is rezoned, anything will be too big there. She further stated that rezoning this property will be detrimental to the quality of their lives.

Mr. Gallagher asked about making York Road four lanes as a result of the increased traffic. Mr. Jorett referred to the previous conversation about 48 South York Road. He stated that the property located at 48 South York Road had to conform to the surrounding buildings and asked if this proposed property would conform to the surrounding buildings. Mr. Machenich stated that this property would look like the other existing office buildings nearby. Mr. Jorett then asked if the applicant wants to make it better for the residents on Home Road then why won't he just build a smaller building? Mr. Machenich stated that the advantage of rezoning the two parcels would be to centrally locate the building.

Dan Marschall, 15 Home Road, said that the property owners have looked at several different proposals and this is the best one yet. He mentioned that all of the property owners of the property being discussed live on Home Road and plan on staying on Home Road for a long time. He then stated that in June 1955 the zoning plan was adopted by the Borough. This lot was zoned C (Commercial) which is what O (Office) is considered now. In September of 1972, there was a comprehensive plan to leave the offices where they belong, retail where it belongs, etc. Mr. Marschall added that the zoning plan was adopted and this lot was part of the lot to the rear, which extended to York Road. He said the Borough and Montgomery County Planning Commissions made it R-1 (Residential) under the pretenses that if at anytime they wanted to combine it then they would consider it then. Mr. Marschall stated that it was O (Office) to start with for the first 200 feet back. He then said that in November of 1979 the rear lot was subdivided and sold to the Collins. Ms. Jorett said that if you look on the west side of York Road it is spot zoned because they subdivided it. She stated that they caused this problem by subdividing it and asked why we should be concerned about correcting their problem.

Mr. Gallagher asked what else would be in the building? Mr. Machenich stated that other medical offices would be in the building. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that a hearing has been advertised for July 23, 2001. At that time we will go through the discussions again and then probably wait to hear from the Borough's Planning Commission. Then we will combine their information with the information received from the Montgomery County Planning Commission and go forward with making a decision. Mr. Machenich requested that Council make a recommendation one way or the other at the next meeting.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER started a discussion on the requirements for **roof signs**. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS made a draft and distributed a copy of it to all of the Council members. Councilperson Acker stated that roof signs were handled differently than any other sign. Councilperson Zollers said that the words that are crossed out are the words being changed. Councilperson Acker mentioned that this would not be acted

on tonight and requested that this item be places on the August Committee meeting agenda. Councilperson Zollers stated that the old Code required a special exception for a roof sign. If you eliminate that requirement then the sign is not addressed. It also depends on the roof type as well. Councilperson Zollers said that it really doesn't change anything except for avoiding the Zoning Hearing Board. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked who is responsible for approving or denying the permit applications? Councilperson Zollers stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is. Vice President Clark expressed his concerns about a business whose application for a sign permit was recently denied. Councilperson Zollers stated that this is why we are looking into it and this is where the roofing types come in. Vice President Clark stated that he was concerned with the inconsistencies with the sign permit approvals. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he was aware of the most recent situation and when it was brought to his attention he noticed that the Code specifically states that the applicant had to go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Borough Manager Pantano asked if a mistake was made then does that make it ok to go ahead and make another mistake? Vice President Clark stated that if it happened one time then it would be a mistake, however, it happened twice. Councilperson Zollers asked if it was an interpretation mistake and stated that Vice President Clark raised an issue that there should be an explanation. He further stated that the Code was not easy to interpret. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if there weren't any objections if Council could just approve it at the next Council meeting. Councilperson Zollers stated that he would like Council to take a few weeks to review it to find any necessary corrections or additions. He asked Council to consider the "What if..." questions when reviewing the document.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that Councilperson Ehrsam brought up the Sidewalk Ordinance regarding pavers. The question was asked about after all of the money was spent on the pavers, what would prevent someone from going out and just doing concrete in place of the pavers? COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS recommended identifying the Downtown Business District and have special rules for this area. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that this item should have been placed under the Public Works agenda. This item should be placed on the August Public Works Committee agenda.

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

BUDGET & INSURANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Polaneczky, Chairman

The meeting of the Budget and Insurance Committee was called to order at 9:07 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Budget & Insurance Committee was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Mr. Ehrsam, Chairman

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was called to order at 9:09 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM had nothing to report at this time.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there appears to be a lot of weeds and overgrown trees along York Road. He asked about maintaining the Commercial District. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM said that this issue has been addressed with the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street. He mentioned that President Younglove and Councilperson Zollers also met with them. There was an agreement setup to fund $6,000 for a summertime employee who would maintain the grass, weeds, flowerpots, trees, etc. along York Road. It was discussed that the Authority would pay for it. Most recently, it was suggested that Bud Aiken, Sam Friedman, and Mickey Glantz may go door-to-door for funding. Vice President Clark said that the beauty of York Road is diminished from the weeds and lack of attention. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that this

would provide for uniform maintenance throughout the Business District and hopes that by next spring it will be in place.

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Zollers, Chairman
The meeting of the Public Works & Public Properties Committee was called to order at 9:11 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS had nothing to report at this time.

Stephanie Diaconis, representative from the Old Mill Inn and its staff, thanked Council for the privilege of the floor and thanked everyone in the audience for coming out to support her concerns. She thanked the Borough for their help and cooperation for the last three weeks since **Tropical Storm Allison**. She appreciates the help from Superintendent Stauch and all of the Council members who offered their help and concern. She mentioned that the thoughts and actions of her family, friends, and the community have helped the Old Mill in sustain at times when they wanted to give up because the task of getting the business up and running again seemed to be so great. Ms. Diaconis stated that they are fortunate to have only lost "things" and three weeks of business and considered herself relatively lucky compared to those close-by who lost their lives and/or homes.

Ms. Diaconis stated that on June 16, 2001, Tropical Storm Alison dumped an unusually large amount of rain on this and the surrounding areas. She asked if prior maintenance of the Pennypack Creek could have minimized the devastation? She inquired about the immediate and long-term goals of the Borough of Hatboro in regards to the maintenance of the creek. She also asked what the time frame is, if any, for the potential maintenance?

Ms. Diaconis reminded Council of when the Army Corp of Engineers came to Hatboro in 1986 and dredged the Pennypack Creek (Pennypack Creek Modification Project). At that time, Nick Diaconis, on behalf of the Old Mill Inn, signed a Perpetual Channel Improvement Easement Deed that stated that "the Borough of Hatboro agrees to pay for and install trees and/or shrubs along the top of the embankment directly across from the stream from the establishment of Dicon, Inc., stretching from the Hoffman Building, Inc. structure to the Tributary of the Pennypack Creek. The same shall be planted so as to block all views of the parking lot and automobile lot and will be constructed and maintained by the Borough of Hatboro..." She continued by reading, "Finally, the Borough of Hatboro, in consideration of this Perpetual Channel Improvement Easement Deed, agrees to make periodic inspections of the Pennypack Creek and to remove any objects which impede the flow of water under the bridge at Old York Road." Ms. Diaconis stated that to date, neither have been done. Even after repeated requests by Nick Diaconis, shrubs and/or trees were never planted. She said we unfortunately gave up and planted our own landscaping.

Ms. Diaconis stated that she recently contacted the Army Corp of Engineers in regards to the Pennypack Creek Channel Modification Projection. She spoke with the Operations Inspector and he is sending out the information regarding the follow-up inspection reports that the Army Corp of Engineers did and were given to the Borough in regards to recommended follow-up maintenance, photographs, etc. These reports are expected to cover at least the past five years according to Ms. Diaconis. She further added that after the brief discussion that she had with the Operations Inspector and others, she was lead to believe that for some reason the suggested maintenance, that those reports will reveal, were ignored.

Ms. Diaconis requested that in the future we need to address the responsibility, if any, of the Borough of Hatboro, its residents and businesses to alleviate any further damage. She understands that we cannot turn back the clock and discuss what should have been. She stated that action needs to be taken now. It makes

no sense to wait for further devastation to prove that. Ms. Diaconis then thanked Council for their prompt attention to this matter.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he believes the creek has had debris removed. He acknowledged the silt build-up and the fact that the creek has not been dredged again. He said that the Borough has contacted and applied for and received grants as well as met on-site with contractors for the walk through two days after the flood. This is scheduled to be done soon. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council awarded the contract at the last Council meeting and the Borough is following the legal requirements. Ms. Diaconis asked if an emergency course of action could take place. Borough Manager Pantano said that we are in the process already. The contract has been awarded and the papers have been signed. The provisions under the emergency are really to avoid the advertising aspect of this. The Borough has provided a timeline to DEP and the Army Corp of Engineers and we are actually ahead of schedule.

Mr. Nick Diaconis, representative of the Old Mill Inn, asked what will happen with the contract? BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there will be silt removal. Mr. Diaconis expressed his concerns about the only maintenance on the Pennypack Creek being picking out a few limbs and he would like to see serious action taken right away. He stated that he would like to see a detailed plan. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he would get a copy of exactly what the contract said.

Mr. Jager, 319 East Mill Road, asked what happens with the areas surrounding Hatboro and their responsibilities with the Pennypack Creek. Superintendent Stauch stated that he sent a letter to the State requesting that they look at the creek beyond the Borough's lines. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the problem is the bridges and the lay of the land because of the development upstream. We have easements to maintain the work completed by the Army Corp of Engineers, however, the water comes into Hatboro down York Road to Warminster Road. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that once the Upper Moreland – Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority backs up then you run into water problems. Mr. Jager asked if there was anything else the residents could do to be proactive. Councilperson Zollers stated that they had the option of going to the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Ms. Judy Bonner, representative of the Old Mill Inn, asked if there was anything that could be done to make the maintenance occur more frequently. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the Borough has taken major steps with the Army Corp of Engineers. When we were notified by the Army Corp of Engineers a year ago we asked them why they hadn't told us this throughout the years. Councilperson Zollers stated that the Borough has gone in there and removed objects but not necessarily silt. Mr. Jager asked about how to contact Upper Moreland to get them proactive about the Creek. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY recommended contacting Brian Mook, Township Manager.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE said we will be notified about County issues and we are kept informed about things directly effecting this area. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked if the Borough would receive money since it was declared a "Disaster area." BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that at this time, we will not get anything from the Federal or State Government. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY suggested working with the Pennypack Watershed. President Younglove said that we can send a letter asking Montgomery County to do a study for the Borough and surrounding areas. He recommended sending a letter to the Montgomery County Planning Commission and urges surrounding communities to write as well.

Mr. Jarrett, of Jarrett Dodge, stated that this was the most water incurred in 55 years. There was three or four feet of water and nowhere for the water to go. He added that the problems will continue to get worse as Horsham and Warminster continue to build. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS summed it all up by stating that we all have to live up to our commitments. The project should be ongoing and should be addressed on an ongoing basis. The Borough of Hatboro doesn't have the expertise or equipment to change the creek. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he would get a timeline from the contractor and a letter will be drafted

to surrounding communities as well as to the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Vice President Clark left at 9:49 p.m.

Ms. Donna Peluso, 28 Home Road, would like the Borough to take serious consideration into **vacuuming leaves**. She said the Borough Manager Pantano suggested that she start a petition. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS said that the requests are being heard, however, it's not practical for Hatboro because of the narrow streets plus we don't have the equipment. He also stated that it is extremely expensive. Ms. Peluso stated that she feels that the residents are deserving of this. She also voiced her concerns about the Borough biodegradable bags. Councilperson Zollers stated that the ordinance does not require you to use Borough bags only, rather it requires you to use biodegradable bags.

Ms. Stephanie Grubb, 309 East Mill Road, requested the Council look into an **emergency evacuation plan**. She stated that Tropical Storm Alison was the worst and there were people driving down the streets. She asked for Council to come up with the safest way to get out of the Borough. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that EOC (Emergency Operations Center) can look into that. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that the Borough was land-locked on the South side and we have made quite a few changes since the storm. Councilperson Zollers stated that they would see if an emergency evacuation plan was feasible and consider how to mark it as well as administer it.

The meeting of the Public Works and Public Properties committee was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that there would be a brief Executive Session after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

HATBORO PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MONTH OF June 2001

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Loads of trash	44	226
Tons of trash	395.36	1877.41
Street opening permits	0	8
Street opening fees collected	0	$385.00
Sidewalk/curb permits	9	80
Sidewalk/curb fees collected	$400	$936.00
Large article pick-up stops	40	264
Amount of large articles picked up	~~495~~ 70	495
Newspaper tonnage	25.80	117.58
Grass/leaves tonnage	30.72	95.57
Recycle glass/cans tonnage	14.82	76.69
Tires recycled and cost		
Recycles-refrigerators/freezers/microwaves		
Cost of above		

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MONTHLY FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Month of JUNE 2001.

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	7	122
Re-Inspections	8	36
Fire Investigations	5	41
Special Service	0	5
Fire Reports Issued	0	1
Permits Issued	1	20
Permit Fees Collected	$25	$570
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	$ 50
Inspection Fees Collected		2,260
Miscellaneous Fees Collected		300
Total Fees Collected	$25	3,180

Remarks:	INVEST	RE INSPT	
STAUCH	.45	1.05	1.50
THOMAS	.30	.15	.45
SIMS	.15	3.10	3.25
Restaurants	0	1.30	1.30
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BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 23, 2001

(Continued from July 9, 2001)

PRESENT
President Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Polaneczky, Zollers, and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gallen, and Superintendent Stauch.

ABSENT
Councilperson Ehrsam, Borough Manager Pantano, and Treasurer McKean.

CALL TO ORDER
President Younglove reconvened the meeting from the July 9, 2001 Council Committee meeting. He said there was an outstanding issue under Councilperson Zollers' report to finalize.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Zollers, Chairman
The meeting of the Public Works & Public Properties Committee was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS discussed proposed Resolution 01-05 regarding the real estate purchase for the parcel formerly known as "Miller Meadow." COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY mentioned that Borough Manager Pantano spoke with Beth Pilling regarding the uses of the property as governed by the resolution. He felt that the deed contradicted Declaration 6, Article 1. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reiterated that the intent was not to restrict the parcel for events that the Borough is interested in. Borough Manager Pantano stated that Beth Pilling informed him that parking and the trails are absolutely able to go there. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the county would have a problem with the parking wording being changed to permanent parking. Beth Pilling stated that this would also not be a problem. Any additional changes would have to be referred back to the Commissioners. Councilperson Zollers stated that there is a problem in that we couldn't construct the parking in the flood plain. He added that this wouldn't interfere with any other ordinances. He noted that there might need to be amendments made to the Declaration in the future. Councilperson Zollers asked to strike the last sentence regarding "parking areas" from the Declaration. Councilperson Polaneczky said there are two number 6's and there is a typographical error in the fourth "Whereas." COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS made a MOTION to adopt Resolution 01-05 allowing the Borough of Hatboro to accept the grant for the parcel of real estate formerly referred to as "Miller Meadow" provided the above-mentioned corrections were made. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by all present.

The meeting of the Public Works and Public Properties committee was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE adjourned the continuation of the July 9, 2001 Council Committee meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 23, 2001

PRESENT
President Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Polaneczky, Zollers, and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gallen, and Superintendent Stauch.

ABSENT
Councilperson Ehrsam, Borough Manager Pantano, and Treasurer McKean.

CALL TO ORDER
President Younglove called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:37 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by Vice President Clark to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Doorley and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that Council was in receipt of the Borough Manager's July report. There were no questions or comments at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE read Treasurer McKean's monthly report. He stated that as of 06/30/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $1,901,592.35. Interest credited for the month was $5,944.69. Average yield for June was 3.89%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that Council has just received the warrant list. A MOTION was made by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK to approve the warrant list subject to any questions or concerns. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAYOR CELANO reported that he is glad to see that Jarrett Dodge and the Old Mill Inn are back in business after the flood damage caused by Tropical Storm Alison. He also commented on the positive letters he received about the way the Public Works Department handled the trash pick up for the victims of the flood.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
SOLICITOR MEYER announced that he drafted an ordinance about ceil towers and their locations. He researched the hearing process for Café LaFontana's Liquor License and gave legal opinions about various leases. Solicitor Meyer also drafted an opinion to reverse spot zoning.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GALLEN announced that the Ninth Annual Hatboro **Car Show** would be held on Saturday, July 28, 2001 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. He stated that York Road parking would be restricted at around 12:00 p.m. York Road, between Summit Avenue and Byberry Road will be closed to traffic starting at 2:00 p.m. The roadway will re-open around 10:00 p.m., after the awards are presented. Chief Gallen mentioned that additional Police Officers would be working for this event.

CHIEF GALLEN said the Police Department has received some complaints from residents about **excessive traffic** in the area of Academy Road from Horsham Road to Crooked Billet Road. For the month of June, the Officers conducted traffic counts and directed patrols for speeding and stop sign violations. The Officers issued numerous warnings and citations to violators and are continuing to monitor the area. Chief Gallen further added that the Officers are continuing to monitor the traffic on Orchard Avenue and will continue the directed patrols in that area as well.

CHIEF GALLEN reminded Council that the Police Department would be participating in a joint consortium **Police Entry Level Test** in September, 2001. The announcement will appear in local papers and will also be advertised on the community cable channel. Chief Gallen stated that applications would be available, at the participating Police Departments, after July 30, 2001. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked about the exact date of the testing. Chief Gallen reported that it would occur on September 2, 2001.

CHIEF GALLEN acknowledged Hatboro Police Bicycle Patrol Officers Steve Plum and John Carr for participating in the Business District **Sidewalk Sale** on July 13th and 14th. The Officers fingerprinted over 150 children and gave out safety information. The Police Department also gave away seven free bicycle helmets to children participating in the drawing. The Hatboro Police Department thanked the Chamber of Commerce for allowing them to participate in the event. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE commended the Police Department for participating in this activity.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH apologized for not having a written report submitted for the month of June.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH apologized for not having a written report submitted for the month of June.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments at this time.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Mr. Younglove

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that an application was made with **F.E.M.A.** for reimbursement from expenses incurred by the Borough. This application would also apply to both public and private assistance. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to appoint Borough Manager Joseph Pantano as Agent in dealing with F.E.M.A. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs – Dr. Doorley
COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Ehrsam
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE reported that Councilperson Ehrsam had nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety - Dr. Clark
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK acknowledged Chief Gallen for the accommodations and leadership taken in the entire Police Department. He thanked them for the fine job they are doing.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Zollers
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER started a discussion about Café LaFontana completing an inter-municipal transfer of a **Liquor License**. Councilperson Acker asked what type of license it was and if it could be transferred. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he dealt only with the transfer of the license, not on the specifics or provisions of the type of transfer. Councilperson Acker expressed his concerns about having his questions answered before the clock ran out of time. Solicitor Meyer stated that the clock started on June 26, 2001 and that Council had the right to oppose the transfer. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that this is all new because of a new law, which is less than a year old. Once it's transferred, he asked, is it permanent or does it only apply to Café LaFontana? Councilperson Zollers further stated that it must be approved unless it effects the welfare, health, peace, and morals of the residents. Councilperson Acker opened up the discussion to the floor. Sue Cornell, 255 East Montgomery Avenue, stated that Bill Brusca, owner of Café LaFontana was on his way to the meeting. George Lewis, 393 Crescent Road, stated that he objects to this transfer and added that there are enough businesses in the Borough with liquor licenses at this time. He feels that additional Police Officers would have to be hired and questioned whether or not Café LaFontana was going to change their hours if this request was honored. Mr. Lewis stated that they don't have a handicapped parking space, there are high taxes, and they can't maintain what is there now. In his opinion, it would not be beneficial to the community. Bill Brusca stated that the main objective of acquiring this license is to offer wine and alcoholic beverages with dinners. He mentioned that in the future he may have interest in adding a bar to the back of the restaurant. Mr. Brusca stated that the operating hours are not certain to change. Councilperson Acker asked Mr. Brusca what type of license it was. Mr. Brusca stated that it's the "R" type of license, which means they can serve all types of alcoholic beverages. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE expressed his concerns about having this license transferred to another type of establishment, which is not as highly desired. Councilperson Zollers stated that he believes that the "R" type of license is for restaurants only. Mr. Brusca stated that he could not confirm how Pennsylvania deals with the license transfers as it is a new law. Mr. Lewis stated that with the laws you are able to move the licenses around. He asked if it indeed effects the welfare, peace, health, and morals of the residents. Councilperson Zollers explained his concerns with the type of operation. He said that he likes how it is right now but is concerned if it becomes more of a bar. Mr. Brusca reiterated that there are no current plans to change the business other than offering liquor. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if there

was going to be carryout. Mr. Brusca stated that he didn't look into that aspect of the license. Victoria Lewis, 393 Crescent Road, stated that she is concerned with the parking. She is also concerned with the parking as a result of Jules Pilch being sold to three different businesses. She said there are children on the neighboring streets and the restaurant offers no parking. Mrs. Lewis said that the other restaurants in the area provide parking and, to her, parking is an issue with Café LaFontana. Mrs. Lewis stated she is concerned with people parking in the fire zone and parking on the wrong side of Williams Lane. She also stated that the meter situations need to be taken care of in front of Ming's and Jules Pilch. Councilperson Zollers reminded everyone that parking was not the issue of tonight's meeting rather it was if the transfer of a liquor license to Café LaFontana would effect the welfare, health, peace, and morals of the community. Mr. Brusca stated that he is not looking at an increase in business. He added that there is a sign for where people can park who are frequenting their establishment. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked how important this license is to maintain competition. Mr. Brusca stated that a lot of places are opening up in the area with liquor licenses. In his opinion, it has hurt the business of Café LaFontana to not have the ability to offer liquor with dinners. Dimitri Sekesan expressed his concerns about the noise from the people eating in the restaurant. He added that people park in front of his house despite it not being permitted. Councilperson Zollers stated that the purpose of this meeting was to listen to the comments. Solicitor Meyer added that another aspect of the meeting was to establish if the transfer of the license would adversely effect the welfare, health, peace, and morals of the community. Councilperson Acker made a MOTION to pass Resolution 01-06 allowing the transfer of the Liquor License to Café LaFontana. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously. Solicitor Meyer stated that he will contact the attorney and the Liquor Control Board.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER started a discussion about **399 North York Road (Home & York Road Rezoning Application)**. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he will abstain from any discussions and voting on this issue because of a conflict he has. Mr. Marc Jonas, representative for applicant, stated that this is a request for rezoning and there is a requirement to have a public hearing. In his opinion, the zoning map has a defect. Mr. Jonas said that Dr. Armstrong's approach is to give Council the right to make a legislative change. They are not asking for any changes in the Zoning Ordinance and are not looking to modify the O – Office district. Mr. Jonas added that they are not asking for variances of any sort. He mentioned that the applicant will need to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for parking in the floodway fringe. He showed everyone the tax map – lot number 3, unit 88 and pointed out that this is the parcel that Dr. Armstrong has under agreement. Mr. Stoneback, Applicant's Engineer, showed the zoning map and highlighted the commercial zoning focusing on this property being the only one that's zoned differently. He handed out an overview and stated that the applicant's business has flourished and he would like to stay within the Borough. He stated that the corner property is already zoned O – Office and it can currently have a 10,000 square foot building with 42 parking spaces with no problems, variances, or anything needed. The proposed building will be a high quality medical practice. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS mentioned the parcel zoned R-1. He asked since it is substantially in the flood plain can a single-family dwelling be built there? Mr. Jonas answered this by asking would you put a residential property there which would be surrounded with offices? Councilperson Zollers stated that a part of this issue is asking could this lot be used as it is zoned? Mr. Quinn said as a simple answer, in his opinion, no it would not be advisable because of the surrounding neighborhood. Councilperson Zollers asked if Dr. Armstrong has plans to file an application for Land Development and Subdivision to combine both lots to make one parcel. Mr. Jonas stated that they would be doing a reverse subdivision. Councilperson

Zollers asked if the applicant would try to get a variance to allow a parking lot in the residential district if the parcel is not rezoned. Councilperson Zollers then clarified that if this parcel cannot reasonably be used as R-1 then by not approving the rezoning application you are denying the property owner of the uses, which is unconstitutional. He stated that he is concerned with the deprivation of use of a property because of the physical uses of the property. Dr. Armstrong stated that the business has been in Hatboro for over 40 years now. They have taken care of many residents and have enjoyed being in Hatboro. Dr. Armstrong thinks it's a terrific town. As the practice has grown, more physicians have been added, and the need for space has grown. They can't provide the type of setting and patient care they would like to provide in their current facilities. Dr. Armstrong said that the business has no other choice but to move. They have looked at the surrounding areas and would prefer to stay in Hatboro. They also looked into other opportunities in Hatboro. Dr. Armstrong stated that Ophthalmology Associates brings a lot to the Borough and the Borough brings a lot to their business. They pride themselves on top quality and the establishment should be top quality as well. Dr. Armstrong said the building would be representative of their practice. It will be attractive and blend in as much as possible. They want it to be an asset to the community and the practice. The building will reflect personal ethics. Councilperson Acker stated that he understood the need for quality space. He then asked what other tenants would be in the building, as Ophthalmology Associates will only utilize the first floor. Dr. Armstrong replied that other professional groups will be on the second floor. The amount of the rent and the development will attract a quality type of tenant. Councilperson Acker asked why it was desirable to put the office at that location. He expressed his concerns about the safety of the resident's environment. Mr. Jonas said that many of the resident's concerns will be discussed during the Land Development process. During Land Development discussions, the lighting, access, restricted movements, etc. will be mentioned. Councilperson Acker stated that he is viewing this application as if it was at the end of the street in which he lives on. Mr. Jonas stated that the applicant is aware of the need to insulate this from the residential properties. Landscaping and buffers have already been considered. Councilperson Zollers stated that the larger the parcel is the better chance we have of abiding by what we are looking for with the parking, etc. At some point the one portion will be developed as an office. He said the zoning code covers the buffers and better traffic access. Councilperson Zollers said that one parcel is already zoned as O-Office and the other parcel is the one in question. Amy Baldi, 40 Home Road, stated that when you stand at the stop sign all you see is residences. She doesn't understand why the parcel zoned as O-Office can't be changed to a residential zoning. Councilperson Zollers stated that no one has applied for it to be rezoned as residential. She stated that if it was rezoned as residential then it could probably be the location of several lovely homes. Mrs. Baldi stated that she grew up on Home Road and she wants her children to be as safe as she was. Leanne Jorett, 14 Home Road, understands from the Planning Commission meetings that normally you would be given the Land Development plans first. Councilperson Zollers stated that the applications can be made in either order. Mrs. Jorett stated that all of the questions are regarding the Land Development aspect. She said the 99 parking spaces in which 1/3 are for employees, the problems with the cars coming and going are Land Development issues. She expressed her concerns about the dangerous curve that is already on the street and the potential of losing part of her land to make the wider road. Mrs. Jorett stated that looking out the front window and seeing a road is more important that the issue of spot zoning. Flooding issues should make the Borough say that the lot is too big. She added that there is no reason for this change other than to have a bigger complex so the applicant can make more money. Mrs. Jorett said that she'll lose real estate value because of this mega-complex and her concern is more than just adding a traffic light. She asked how this makes sense for anyone other than the doctor and the seller. She further stated that the Montgomery County Planning Commission said

this would cause for more rezoning and they didn't take into account the flood zones. She said that the access on Home Road was also not taken into account. Mr. Jonas stated that the Montgomery County Planning Commission wrote their review based on the proposed Land Development plan. He said that the author of the letter stated, in writing, that they reviewed the Land Development plan. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if it was true that this proposed project would potentially take space away from the properties across the street from it. Councilperson Zollers stated that the only way that you would lose land from the your property is if it's in the legal right-of-way. He further added that, in that sense, the Borough already owns the right-of-way. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the drawings were to scale. Councilperson Zollers said no. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the property across the street seems to extend way beyond the bend. Councilperson Zollers stated that about 90% of the public streets are laid out for 40 feet wide but are paved 20 feet wide. The setback line for the houses is set from the ultimate right-of-way and the Borough has not had any plans for widening the road. Mr. Jonas stated that if there was widening then it would be on the parcel being discussed. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if a right-turn-only has been considered for turning onto York Road. Mr. Jonas said that this would be discussed during the Land Development phase of the project. Mrs. Jorett asked if the driveway for entering and exiting the offices can be on York Road. Councilperson Zollers stated that it's a fair request, however, it's a question that should be addressed during the Land Development phase. Councilperson Zollers then said that the applicant could combine the lots and ask for variances even if the rezoning application is not granted. The water runoff and traffic impacting the area will be carefully examined. Councilperson Zollers added that the variances and special exceptions are not automatically granted. Councilperson Acker said the Montgomery County Planning Commission did a review of parking in the floodplain. BOROUGH ENGINEER SOLARZ pointed out that the Borough's Land Development ordinance has a number of requirements and it's not an easy matter to resolve them. Issues such as traffic concerns are addressed in the Land Development process. The Engineer's office has looked at the plans. Flooding, storm water management, buffers, landscaping, and lighting (no glare or spill over light) issues will be reviewed. A traffic study would also be required. Mrs. Baldi asked if it would be reasonable to request the property through eminent domain. She stated that she wrote to the State Representative since the land is not developable. Councilperson Zollers said the problem is funding the open space. Duane Miller, 22 Home Road, stated that his family moved to this street because of its unique residential flare, which they couldn't find in other neighborhoods. He would like to commend the wisdom of the people who put this spot zoning in place. This is a unique property with unique characteristics and properties. On the east side of the street there are a large portion of residential sites. He said that if it was in the middle of an industrial park then this would be a straightforward argument. He said that the only positive aspect of the proposed plan would be that the traffic would be improved. He stated that people coast through the Bright Road stop sign. Mr. Miller asked if it in the interest of the Borough to have another potential failure. He said that there is nothing beneficial to the residents of Home Road. He stated that the Borough is not denying anyone of their constitutional rights when the business can continue to run their business somewhere else. Councilperson Zollers stated that there was a case in court that has him concerned. He further stated that if the property owner cannot use it for any reason then we are treading on being unconstitutional. Mr. Miller said that he respects that and that he would not like to own a property with these issues either. He also said that this is perhaps the opportunity to get business in there. Tom Jorett, 14 Home Road, asked if 5 Home Road could be used as a residence then why couldn't they do it again.

Councilperson Zollers informed Mr. Jorett that the owners could sell the property to whomever they want. Sally Mandis, 24 Home Road, said that she didn't think the property owners know what a jewel they have. She suggested the property owners should donate the property for a tax break. Councilperson Zollers stated that once the application has been filed, we have a certain amount of time to act or else its automatically granted. Councilperson Acker reminded everyone that Council was not acting on this tonight as the Planning Commission still needs to meet again. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that tonight's meeting is simply about the rezoning request. Councilperson Zollers said that it's hard to make a decision without knowing exactly what is going in there. He also said that there has been a preliminary Land Development application filed. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that there is a written and signed document that it's an open-ended discussion. Mr. Miller asked if there is any way for the residents to better prepare for the meetings. Donna Peluso, 28 Bright Road, stated that this didn't have to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and asked what the recommendation of the Zoning Committee was. Councilperson Acker stated that they are waiting for the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Then Council will take all of the information, pertaining to the topic, into consideration and then vote. Mrs. Peluso asked if the property could be purchased from all of the extra funds from the sale of the Water Company. She said that it is a historical building and there are pictures of the building in the Loller Building halls. Councilperson Zollers stated that the building wasn't certified as historical and there is not an ordinance requiring a property to be a historical property. Mrs. Peluso expressed her concerns about the building being gone forever once it is torn down. Councilperson Zollers stated that regarding the sale of the Water Company, the principal is invested. The interest made has gone to Little League fields, library, street lighting, etc. Dr. Armstrong said that he hears the residents and feels badly that this whole situation has come to this. He said he's with the residents and gives them the assurance that the applicant will do everything possible to make this as palatable and unobtrusive as possible. He added that rerouting the egress will be considered and explained that he hopes the residents know that he is trying to work together with them. Councilperson Acker requested that the meeting be posted on the Website and the on the Community Cable Channel. This meeting will be continued ad reopened at the August 27, 2001 Council meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE adjourned the July Council meeting at 9:56 p.m. He announced a brief executive session was going to be held.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 27, 2001

PRESENT

President Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Zollers, Polaneczky, and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gallen, and Superintendent Stauch.

CALL TO ORDER

President Younglove called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:36 p.m.

MINUTES

A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS to APPROVE the minutes of the July 23, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO indicated that Council was in receipt of his written report. He reviewed his report noting key points. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned the **Enterprise Fire Company roof repairs**. He stated there was a grant awarded for the repairs of the roof. This grant is due to expire in September. He wrote a letter to the Fire Commission Office to document their discussion and request a thirty-day extension. The appropriate individuals received the letter, however, it will be a requirement to have Joe Reading (Fire Company President) submit the letter. Borough Manager Pantano assured Council that Joe Reading would submit a letter in a timely fashion.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the Liquid Fuels Audit for the years 1998 and 1999 was received. One over the positive comments made was about the Borough investing idle liquid fuel finds in an interest bearing account, thereby providing additional funds for road maintenance. The only minor discrepancy found in the funds was 0.32¢ and was not considered to be a significant error.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that he received the signed agreement with Main Street Hatboro Corporation for the **Main Street Custodian**. He added that this item is placed later on the agenda for approval from Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO brought up the correspondence received from Senator Greenleaf's office concerning the **flooding issues** throughout the area. He announced the meeting scheduled for September 12, 2001 and added that he would be inattendance at the meeting. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he would also be attending the meeting, as requested in the letter.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO met with representatives from Preferred Real Estate and Armour & Son's Electric to discuss the project at **Chelsea and Warminster Roads**. For a variety of reasons, the Borough did not award the contract, which had bids twice in the past. There is already money in escrow and Preferred Properties is aware that they are responsible for any additional fees incurred. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO will receive copies of all correspondence as well as a schedule in the near future.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the project for the **maintenance of the Pennypack Creek Channel Project** had been delayed as a result of permits required from the County. The Engineer's have been working with the contractor to fit all the work within our budget. The permits and contractor are currently in place and the Borough Engineer is reviewing the new scope of work. This work should begin within the next two weeks. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE requested that Borough Manager Pantano contact Ms. Stephanie Diaconis, representative of the Old Mill Inn, to make her aware of the progress.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he is in receipt of correspondence from Main Street Hatboro regarding the **Revitalization Comprehensive Plan (RFP's)**. The review committee has narrowed the proposals to three companies. There will be two evenings in September when the companies will make presentations to the review committee.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received a letter from Comcast concerning the **Cable Franchise agreement** they have with the Borough. They would like to start informal discussions in order to reach an agreement for the renewal of the Franchise. The agreement is set to expire in February 2004. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY clarified that the expiration of the contract was not until the year 2004. Borough Manager Pantano requested the authorization from Council to have Solicitor Meyer work with him to address this renewal.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that bids were received for the **sidewalk replacement in front of Miller Meadow and at Borough Hall**. The bids were opened on Thursday, August 24, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. The bids have been summarized and a recommendation has been presented to Council from the Borough Manager. This item is on the agenda for later in the evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN stated that as of 07/31/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $1,728,952.69. Interest credited for the month was $5,416.67. Average yield for July was 3.57%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that Council received the **warrant list**. COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY asked about the payment made to George Allen & Sons Portable Toilets. He noted that they were paid the same amount twice for the same services. A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON ACKER to approve the warrant list subject to the change in payment for George Allen & Sons Portable Toilets as well as the change mentioned earlier in the day by President Younglove for John Gabriel Tires. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

There was no manual check list at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAYOR CELANO stated that he had nothing report at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
SOLICITOR MEYER announced that he reviewed the proposed **Sign Ordinance Amendments** and drafted proposed changes to the amendments. He also reviewed the proposed **Street and Curb Ordinance Amendments** and drafted proposed changes to the amendments.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT
CHIEF GALLEN submitted a written report, in advance, which is attached. He pointed out that there was a DUI Sobriety Check Point from Friday, August 24th, in the evening thru Saturday, August 25th, in the early morning. The check point was conducted, along with other member departments of the Eastern Montgomery County DUI Task Force, on South York Road at Lehman Avenue. Chief Gallen reported that over 800 cars were contacted and (14) motorists were tested for possible impairment. Of those fourteen (14), five were found to be under the influence and will be charged by criminal summons. Four (4) other subjects were charged with underage consumption of alcohol and one (1) was charged with disorderly conduct. Chief Gallen mentioned that additional sobriety check points would occur throughout Montgomery County during the fall months. The task force (consisting of Abington, Hatboro, Cheltenham, Lower Moreland, Upper Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin, and Whitemarsh Townships) is funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a written report, in advance, which is attached. He added that the Superintendent's vehicle is being finalized and should be on the road in the very near future.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a written report, in advance, which is attached.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE opened the floor to comments and reminded those in attendance that there is a point devoted the rezoning of Home and York Road later in the evening. There were no comments at this time.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Mr. Younglove
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 01-07** authorizing **Willow Grove Bank,** as it's primary financial institution. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and approved by Council unanimously.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs – Dr. Doorley
COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety - Dr. Clark
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Zollers
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS discussed the agreement for the Main Street Custodian. The Main Street Custodian will be responsible for maintaining the beauty of York Road. The Custodian will clean up trash, remove weeds from the pavers, trees, and municipal parking lots. A specific list of duties will be worked out between Main Street and Public Works. Overall, the Custodian will be responsible for a general clean-up of public property. The area to be maintained included both sides of York Road from Horsham Road to Summit Avenue, extending 100 feet onto the sideways that intersect with that district. This also includes the retail commercial district of South Penn Street and Byberry Avenue. Borough Superintendent Stauch would be responsible for the Custodian. The period of employment would be agreed upon contingent upon funding hours based on as needed and from 7:30 a.m. thru 3:00 p.m. The Custodian can work weekends, however, cannot make overtime. A MOTION was made by Councilperson Zollers to sign the Main Street Custodian Agreement. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the **Sidewalk Bids** were received and opened. The bids are for repairs to be made to the property across from the Loller building as well as some repairs to the Loller building. Councilperson Zollers made a MOTION to award the lowest responsible bid to Ditri Construction, Inc. The amount approved for the bid work is $10,960.00. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the **Sign Ordinance**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that this is a continuation of the July 23rd Council Meeting. Tonight he is interested in hearing comments on any new items and/or information to be presented to Council regarding the **Zoning Change Request for the parcel at Home and York Roads**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY requested that the discussion be limited to the topic of zoning only and not land development issues. Mr. Marc Jonas, representative of the applicant, stated that they are in receipt of the 1955 map in which this property was zoned as C-Residential. He mentioned that there might be confusion caused by that zoning classification as this "residential" property was included in the Professional Office District. Mr. Jonas further stated that on March 13, 1972, Ordinance #590 amended Ordinance #283. He proceeded to read the minutes:

> "An ordinance, amending Ordinance #283, known as the Hatboro Zoning Office Code, approved June 7, 1955, to add professional offices as a permitted use in the 'C-Residential District'."

Mr. Jonas requested Council to legislatively change and convert current zoning to reflect this ordinance.

Ms. Lee Ann Jorett, 14 Home Road, referred to the Comprehensive Plan and stated that there was no mention of Office. She further mentioned the traffic congestion mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Jorett stated that the Comprehensive Plan states (under Maintenance and Preservation of Neighborhood Quality) that Hatboro is already largely developed and the preservation of the existing quality becomes the overriding concern in planning for the future. She referenced the section in the Comprehensive Plan regarding Commercial Land Use. She stated the section about broadening the central district so that it extends to the railroad station to allow for expansion without lengthening the district along York Road.

Mr. Thom Jorett, 14 Home Road, said the Comprehensive Plan reads, "All floodplain properties along the Pennypack Creek and its tributaries should be purchased or public easements should be acquired. This land should be developed for recreation." He stated that the Comprehensive Plan was simply not conducive to this type of change.

Ms. Lee Ann Jorett pointed out parts of the map from the 1972 Comprehensive Plan. Her primary focus was on the Open Space areas and the Flood Tributary areas. She said the Comprehensive Plan reads, "All floodplain properties along the Pennypack Creek and its tributaries should be purchased or public easements should be acquired. This land should be developed for recreation." She stated that because of the Comprehensive Plan this property was simply not conducive to this type of change. She added that 99 parking spaces and 15,000 square feet of office space is obviously over development and would be incompatible with this residential neighborhood.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS commended Ms. Jorett on her research and information. Councilperson Zollers stated that the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan has already been started. He recommended that Ms. Jorett get involved with this process as she has a plethora of information to share.

Mr. Marc Jonas stated that the Comprehensive Plan being discussed is 29 years old. He added that new Montgomery County Planning Commission amendments have since been made and cited section 305-C of the Municipalities Planning Code. Mr. Jonas said the 29 year old plan is no longer a "vision" of the Borough. He is asking for a compatible use within the area and further stated that this would be sound planning.

Mrs. Carol Meyer, 39 Home Road, asked what happened at the last Planning Commission meeting. She also asked where else, in the Borough, there is another 15,000 square foot building. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that the Hatboro Planning Commission recommended against the change. He added that two voted, one abstained, and one did not vote.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that denying the change does not end the problems of this issue. The applicant still has other options to consider.

Mr. Thom Jorett stated that the Comprehensive Plan was approved in 1985. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that there was a Zoning Ordinance update in 1985, however, the Comprehensive Plan has not been updated. Mr. Jorett said that people keep talking about how old the Comprehensive Plan is and compared it to the Constitution that we still follow it despite its age. Councilperson Zollers said that this is the most difficult issue he has dealt with in 20 years of service. He stated that the Constitution addresses the right of the property owner to use the property. Councilperson Zollers said that by not rezoning you are denying the property owner of the use without compensation, which is unconstitutional. He further mentioned that as a Councilperson he took an oath to uphold the Constitution. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he agrees with Councilperson Zollers on the unconstitutionality issue.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to APPROVE Ordinance #2001-939 allowing the rezoning of the property located at Home and York Roads from R-1 Residential to O – Office. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE abstained from voting. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK voted against the approval of the rezoning. With a vote of 5-1, with one abstaining, this motion was APPROVED.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that the applicant heard the concerns by the Montgomery County Planning Commission and comments from the public. Councilperson Acker asked for Dr. Armstrong to be considerate of those comments and concerns as he moved along in the Land Development process.

Mr. Thom Jorett questioned President Younglove as to why he abstained from voting so late in the process. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he had a conflict of interest.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE adjourned the August Council meeting at 9:01 p.m. He announced a brief executive session was going to be held.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – 08/27/2001

YOUTH AID PANEL

ON JULY 31, 2001 THE MEMBERS OF THE HATBORO – HORSHAM YOUTH AID PANEL WAS SWORN IN BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY TIM WOODWARD. THE NINE PANEL MEMBERS COMPLETED THE REQUIRED HOURS OF TRAINING PUT ON BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY MEDIATION GROUP AND THE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. OFFICERS FROM THE HATBORO AND HORSHAM POLICE DEPARTMENTS WILL BEGIN REFERRING FIRST TIME JUVENILE OFFENDERS TO THE TWO SEPARATE PANELS IN SEPTEMBER. POLICE, ALONG WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION AND THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT JUSTICES, ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POTENTIAL SUCCESS OF THIS DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM.

SPEED TIMING DETAIL

AS A RESULT CONTINUED RESIDENT COMPLAINTS, OUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A SPEED TIMING DETAIL ON NORTH WARMINSTER ROAD ON FRIDAY 08/24/20201. A TOTAL OF SEVENTY (70) TRAFFIC CITATIONS WERE ISSUED FOR VIOLATING THE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT AS WELL AS OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENSES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT SIMILAR SPEED TIMING DETAILS AS WELL AS DIRECTED PATROLS ON VARIOUS OTHER AREAS THROUGHOUT THE FALL.

DUI SOBRIETY CHECK POINT

ON FRIDAY EVENING 08/24/2001 - SATURDAY MORNING 08/25/2001 OUR DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE OTHER MEMBER DEPARTMENTS OF THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE, CONDUCTED A DUI SOBRIETY CHECK POINT ON SOUTH YORK ROAD AT LEHMAN AVENUE. THE DETAIL RAN FROM 10:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 AM. OVER 800 CARS WERE CONTACTED AND 14 MOTORISTS WERE TESTED FOR POSSIBLE IMPAIRMENT. OF THOSE 14, FIVE (5) WERE FOUND TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND WILL BE CHARGED BY CRIMINAL SUMMONS. IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE (5) ARRESTED FOR DUI, FOUR OTHER SUBJECTS WERE CHARGED WITH UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND ONE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

ADDITIONAL SOBRIETY CHECK POINTS WILL OCCUR THROUGHOUT EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY DURING THE FALL MONTHS. THE DUI TASK FORCE IS MADE UP OF OFFICERS FROM THE ABINGTON, HATBORO, CHELTENHAM, LOWER AND UPPER MORELAND, SPRINGFIELD, UPPER DUBLIN AND WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIPS. THE TASK FORCE IS FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 10, 2001

PRESENT
President Younglove, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, and Zollers, Mayor Celano, Borough Manager Pantano, Superintendent Stauch, and Chief Gallen.

ABSENT
Vice President Clark

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Dr. Clark, Chairman
The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

The **Fire Company Expenditure List** was reviewed by all present. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked how many portable radios the Fire Company purchased. CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that they were two lost or damaged in the floods, which they will be reimbursed for but they still listed them. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if there was additional damage done from the power surge. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he didn't know there was a problem until the man came in and went into the tower.

CHIEF GALLEN brought to everyone's attention that they have been testing some wild animals for rabies. Recently a groundhog was tested as positive. Currently a raccoon is being tested and they believe the skunk is rabid as well. The Health Department will be contacting the Police regarding the results. Chief Gallen reminded everyone to contact the Health Department if they believe an animal is rabid. He noted that the Police Department could be contacted if it is after hours. Chief Gallen stated that all three of the recent incidences were from animals in the vicinity of Continental and Loller Road and suggested that everyone is takes caution for their personal animals.

JOHN THYBERG, of Second Alarmers, had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. JOHN THYBERG, and CHIEF ZOLLERS left at this time.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, Mr. Younglove, Chairman
The meeting of the Administration Committee was called to order at 7:43 p.m.

There was nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Administration Committee was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Doorley, Chairman
The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there has been some recent damage to Eaton Park. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they have been noticing vandalism at **Eaton Park** including damage to the brick wall, trash, spray paint, and a basketball pole down. He spoke with Superintendent Stauch regarding installing Cobra Head lights in the dark areas to deter any potential vandalism. CHIEF GALLEN stated that he has placed the officers on directed patrol in that area. He noted that the brick wall was broken by a DUI case. That person was arrested and will be billed for the fees for repair/replacement. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the lights would be directed at the poles. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH reported that there would be nine fixtures and they would be directed at the poles. Chief Gallen added that the officers have been redirecting the children from the park at nighttime. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked

if there was a suspicion of who might be causing this. Chief Gallen stated that it's probably kids. President Younglove asked if there was a maintenance program in place for when the nets are ripped or there is broken glass. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Public Works does the maintenance. Superintendent Stauch stated that when they are notified of a clean up they go right out. Likewise, they also perform regular clean-ups. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS mentioned that these incidents have been occurring overnight and on the weekends.

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. CHIEF GALLEN left at this time.

ZONING, DEVELOPMENT & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, Mr. Acker, Chairman

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:48 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that Ron McNelly, representative of Commerce Bank, was here to discuss the proposed building at York and Lehman Avenue. Mr. McNelly stated that the proposal is for a 3,600 square foot financial institution in the RC-2 (Retail-Commercial) district. He mentioned that this use is indeed permitted in this district. Mr. McNelly stated that there were some suggestions made to the bank department. They, in turn, went to the planner, architect, and historical preservationist. Mr. McNelly stated that the historic preservationist hasn't yet had the chance to review the site. Mr. Bach, site developer, and Mr. Raday have prepared the site plan. Mr. Turner, architect and planner, stated that the landscape architects, architects, and city and regional planners have been working on their various sites. They are typically called in when the sites are not typical sites. He added that they came to do the analysis two or three months ago to examine the issues of context and environment. Mr. Turner showed the illustration of two models; one was the standard and the other is featuring the brick façade. Mr. Turner stated that the first thing to look at when examining the site is what is around it. He pointed out York Road and Lehman Avenue and added that they are outlined in red. Mr. Turner stated that the church is directly across the street and the pattern and context is very much of a district that had lost cohesion. Mr. Turner stated that it is suburban south of the site and urbanized north of the site. Mr. Turner showed a series of areas on the street from various views. He stated that every view has different character. Mr. Turner pointed out that the library and the gas station lack cohesion because of the new development. He stated that the fabric has been diffused. Joe Tyron, Hatboro Federal Bank, asked why his bank wasn't shown in the views. Mr. Turner stated that the views showed the range and he mentioned that his bank being absent from the view was nothing personal. Mr. Turner went on to mention that they used measures to look at the patterns and positions of the buildings on York Road. They looked at the ways the street was organized and considered the different activities, which occurred. Mr. Turner noted that there are comfortable setbacks on the right of the street then falling off the setbacks. He mentioned that the church is set back and the existing building is set back with a retaining wall. Mr. Turner stated that the parking lots begin to intersect with the street facades. Councilperson Acker stated that we refer to that as character in the Borough. Mr. Turner stated that they looked at the ground studies, considered removing the existing structure and replacing it with the placement of the model bank. Mr. Turner noted that the setbacks exceed that of the adjacent store and there is more than the required setbacks across the street. The zoning pattern is very clear – there are various commercial uses. Mr. Turner added when placing the Engineer's site plan into the aerial content planting on the front he is concerned with the street line being maintained on both sides. He mentioned that he couldn't deal with historical or design controls, which tend to reinforce the streetscape so you feel the continuity of the street wall of design elements rather than a building wall. Mr. Turner looked at the materials and the bank has a standard model, which is white material with a dark roof and a big red "C" which is the Commerce Bank icon to identify it as a marketing perspective. Mr. Turner mentioned that they could change the material of the bank to brick to soften the palette. Mr. Turner suggested that a gray roof might make the red "C" not as visible. He noted that with Big Marty's being brick and the church being white, the material selection is really 50/50. He noted that he was not here to make commitments for the bank on materials and design though. Looking at the streetscape, Mr. Turner added, they have done work within the Borough to keep it within the building. The parking is close to the street and they are proposing walls or heavy planting on Lehman Avenue. The access points would be an issue here because of blocking vision from the road. Mr. Turner said because of the corner, there is no simple approach to access points. He added, if the building were placed where Commerce Bank proposed it then you would need a shielding and separating wall around the entire site. He

noted that either material for the building is acceptable when comparing it to its location. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO asked if the proposed parking was facing York Road. Mr. Turner stated that the site plan has parking ahead onto York and Lehman as the way it was developed. They have used walls, fences, tree plantings, and double plantings successfully with other Commerce Banks. Mrs. Heath-Hammond, 18 West Lehman Avenue, asked if there is access from Lehman Avenue. Mr. Turner stated that its not fully developed as of yet and he wasn't sure if it had been studied. Mr. Bock stated that the traffic study is underway. Borough Manager Pantano asked if they would be seeking options from PennDot. Mr. Turner stated that they had to because they get their permits from PennDot.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that the Commerce Bank proposal is all preliminary just for an idea in the very early stages. He added that the existing site has frontage on York Road and Lehman Avenue. He added that currently there are four structures on the site. Two are brick/stucco and then the veterinary hospital has frontage on York Road with one driveway. Commerce Bank is proposing four drive-thru lanes with entrances on York Road and Lehman Avenue. Councilperson Acker mentioned that regarding the ordinance, the total parking is 49 spaces therefore a total of 0.97 acres of lot (consolidating the three lots) is required. Currently Commerce Bank is requesting variances for the landscape buffer and the driveway length. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked how much landscaping was being proposed for York Road. Mr. McNelly stated five feet of landscaping buffer. Councilperson Polaneczky reminded the Applicant that they were previously requested to look into a wall or shrubbery. Mr. McNelly stated that they would be considered in future plans. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked if five feet of landscape buffering was proposed for Lehman Road as well. Mr. McNelly said yes. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the northbound traffic making a left would present a problem unless there is a left-turn light. He stated that it's very difficult to make the left now and there isn't a bank there with customers attempting to enter. He suggested looking into this possibility immediately. Mr. Joe Tryon, Hatboro Federal Bank, asked the Applicant if they have considered Lehman Church as Lehman Avenue has enough traffic already. Mr. McNelly stated that the traffic engineer would look into that. Borough Manager Pantano asked if they have considered putting all of the parking behind the bank, which is how it traditionally is in Hatboro along York Road. Councilperson Zollers stated that parking is a planning commission issue.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that we try to maintain and preserve the old time Main Street, Hatboro. He understands that it's a tried and true pattern but would like it to be considered. Mr. McNelly stated that a large portion of York Road has buildings right at the road. Councilperson Zollers identified Big Marty's and Lehman Church. He stated that their sidewalks are wide but there is no parking in the front. He noted that car dealerships are entirely different scenarios. Councilperson Zollers stated that basically from Lehman Avenue north is a walking district and he would like the Applicant to consider it to be more in tune with the rest of the walking district in Hatboro. Councilperson Zollers mentioned that no plans have been submitted, no decision would be made tonight, and this topic was being discussed simply to talk about the possibilities.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that there are many York Road merchants attending the meeting tonight and there opinions are valid and important. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE added that we also have a very active Main Street Board and they will take these plans into consideration as far as what they would like to see. Councilperson Acker verified that they would provide suggestions.

Mr. Turner, Applicant's Landscaping Engineer, asked if there is a separate Main Street District. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the Main Street Manager runs the downtown district. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY added that the downtown district is on York Road from Horsham to Summit. Mr. Turner stated that Wawa, 7-11, Wendy's, Old Mill Inn, and the dry cleaners all have parking in the front. COUNCILPERSON ACKER clarified that this Council didn't have a say when they were built, however, now they would like to interject. Councilperson Zollers mentioned that Wawa and 7-11 are in the highway district. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the residents are concerned with the potential traffic issues. He would look more favorably into a left turn only to get them back to York Road on Lehman Avenue. He commented that he travels through that intersection everyday. Councilperson Zollers added that once the plan is filed then they could look at the various traffic issues. Councilperson Acker stated that another concern is the school children. Mr. Turner noted that the design is very difficult from a design perspective because of the point where it is located.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS reminded everyone that we have to realize today that no matter what goes into that property, it's going to effect traffic access. The parking, access, and parking lots are being taken into consideration. There will no longer be wall to wall parking. Mr. Bud Aiken expressed his concern about Chester Avenue being used for this because more people will be trying to access the bank. Councilperson Zollers assured Mr. Aiken that Council would look into that.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that his preference is not the white brick for that location. He added that he's not speaking for Council, just voicing his opinion. COUNCILPERSONS POLANECZKY and ZOLLERS agreed. Councilperson Zollers stated that he is aware of the mixed styles in the Borough and noted that the eclectic mix has been healthy while setting an identity. The style and architecture is not so much as it blends in and fits.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he would like to bring up the issues that were raised tonight and obtain information from Main Street. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY expressed his concerns about the egress and ingress. He added that crossing the street around that bend is dangerous. Mr. McNelly stated that he was sure that when the traffic study came back it would show the same thing. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they are currently working on the project with the County. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that they are working with the county on decorative stuff but this has to do with signals. Mr. Joe Tryon asked if the Applicant was not willing to change the basic construction other than the brick. He added that Commerce Banks have a lot of glass and gaud. Mr. Tryon stated that they are supposed to be the most convenient bank in the nation but it doesn't seem to be real flexible. He would like to see Commerce Bank maintaining the colonial image in the Borough and requested that they look into something a little less than the norm for Hatboro. He added that in Princeton, New Jersey there is a different model of the bank.

Mr. Mickey Glantz, Hatboro Autobody & Collision, stated that he is the future neighbor of this site. He sat at a Council meeting five years ago with Councilpersons Acker and Zollers and they were talking about the proposed Café LaFontana. It was an old empty store and when they came in everyone was excited. We had questions and they had answers. Everyone was concerned about the change. Change is good! The business people were excited. He added that you couldn't keep an old town looking old forever. He is very much in favor of Commerce bank and looks forward to being their neighbor. Mr. Glantz acknowledged that there may be problems at first, but if it's not this bank then it's going to be something else. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that no one is arguing his point. Part of the responsibility of Council is to be concerned with the sensitivity of these issues. Mr. Glantz stated that one month ago he heard about the white bricks and asked what color is conducive to Hatboro. He said that it sounds like so much negativity. President Younglove stated that they are working together. Mr. Joe Tryon added that the Commerce Bank business would not affect the business of Hatboro Federal Bank. He's not saying that it's a bad business and they will welcome them into the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Tryon added that their employees are all good people.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked what the next step in the process is. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that they need to formally submit their proposed plans and get some relief from the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilperson Zollers asked if they have filed a development plan. Mr. McNelly said yes and the next step is the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilperson Zollers clarified that they have to submit the plans to the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission and obtain a review from the Borough's Engineer and Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY noted that there is a Main Street meeting at the Red Barn mall coming up where these issues can be discussed.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that everyone is in receipt of the most recent copy of the **Cell Tower Ordinance**. He requested that they review the document in order to discuss it at the October Committee meeting.

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

BUDGET & INSURANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Polaneczky, Chairman

The meeting of the Budget and Insurance Committee was called to order at 9:17 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there was a proposal for **Group Life and Disability** to replace our current long-term life and bring the disability "in house." BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Mr. Pollock, Harleysville Life and Insurance, looked into what the short-term would cost the Borough. The proposal from Harleysville Life and Insurance looked at life insurance also. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the Borough would save about $2,500 per year on life insurance and about $2,100 per year on long-term disability. He added that these prices more than offset the short-term disability prices. They cover the short-term disability plus the existing coverage. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the other additional benefits include highly competent personnel and we will be guaranteed higher plans. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked if the price would change if you only obtained certain policies. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the rate is guaranteed for two years. Councilperson Polaneczky said that other companies were more expensive. Mr. Bud Aiken, 21 Orchard Street, stated that from his experience in working in the field, the definition is very important. He stated that the wording should be very strict in definition for the short and long term. He advised to be careful of the prices jumping up in about ten years. Mr. Aiken said Harleysville is a good company and they do pay their claims. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they would make their own occupation definition. Public works and police employees would be under a blanket of coverage, which would take the responsibility from the Borough's staff. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS mentioned that when the Borough changed the health insurance we ran into slight problems with the police department because their contract specifically spelled out one type of insurance. He believes that issue was resolved yet suggested that it would be wise to inform both public works and police employees of any potential changes. Councilperson Polaneczky noted that when the quotes were requested the company was told to quote the policy we currently have, with no changes. He asked when we need to proceed by. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the change could be made at any time. The current proposal is only good for one month though. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he would find out if there were a problem with the police. Councilperson Zollers added that Council had to vote to appoint the new insurance carriers. Councilperson Polaneczky advised to put it on the September Council agenda and it could be removed if there were any problems.

The meeting of the Budget & Insurance Committee was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Mr. Ehrsam, Chairman

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was called to order at 8:52 p.m.

Mr. Joe Tryon, Hatboro Federal Bank, thanked Council for their support with the recent **car show**. He stated that it was almost flawless with the help of Superintendent Stauch, Chief Gallen, and their employees. He mentioned that it's a great efforts for the whole community and there were far more people than ever. Mr. Tryon acknowledged that there was some trouble with crowds at the end because people didn't want to leave. He asked for approval for the July 27, 2002 car show. He reminded everyone that the Borough was beautiful the next morning and the fire company was on call on the whole time. Mr. Tryon mentioned that fire police brought together six to eight companies and the Horsham ambulance was working. He added that that's what Hatboro is all about.

Mr. Kenny Bishop, Hatboro Jewelers, asked for permission for the **Halloween Stroll** on October 27, 2001. He mentioned that he spoke with Chief Gallen regarding the safety issues and talked to the fire police about their availability for where York meets Byberry, Moreland, Montgomery, Monument, and Summit. Mr. Bishop added that the time frame was now from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he thought we were canceling this event. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that arrangements have been made for the parking problems. He advised Mr. Bishop to contact Mr. Greer regarding parking in the rear of Gamburg's Furniture. Councilperson Polaneczky suggested roping of the street so people are not crossing at the wrong places. Mr. Bishop stated that they are planning on placing the signs by the trees advising pedestrians not to j-walk. Mr. Joe Tryon, Hatboro Federal Bank, asked if it would be possible to fill up the entire Gamburg's parking lot. Councilperson Ehrsam requested that merchants participating in the event be identified in the window by signage. Mr. Bishop noted that his request was a part of their planning. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked what public works would have to do. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that they typically put out and collect the trashcans and if there were additional activities then they would provide the barricades as well. Mr. Bishop stated that they would need the barricades for the pumpkin carving activity and added that Mr. Gamburg is having a haunted house. Councilperson Zollers asked if Chief

Gallen was advised of this. Mr. Bishop said yes, however, the police department would not be involved in this event because the fire police can handle the event. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that since no one on Council objects then it's approved (not voted on).

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM brought up the discussion regarding the **cable franchise**. He stated that Solicitor Meyer and Borough Manager Pantano are jumping into this early and a number of others have come up. He stated that we should contact them and noted that one was on the east coast and one was on the west coast. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that if the Borough is considering this option then now is the time to do it. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we don't need to start writing the contract without Comcast and requested that we hold off on that. He also asked what the things hanging off of the light poles were. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they are portable internet systems and he put a claim in to recoup the costs. It's for wireless cable.

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Zollers, Chairman
The meeting of the Public Works & Public Properties Committee was called to order at 9:05 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the adoption of the **sidewalk ordinance** is on the agenda for the September Council meeting. He added that it addresses the use and replacement of pavers in the downtown business district. Councilperson Zollers stated that it should be simple and unless he hears about corrections or additions, it should be able to be adopted at the next meeting.

The meeting of the Public Works and Public Properties committee was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that there would be a brief Executive Session after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 17, 2001

PRESENT
Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Zollers, Polaneczky, and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Borough Manager Pantano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gallen, and Superintendent Stauch.

ABSENT
President Younglove.

CALL TO ORDER
Vice President Clark called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:33 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence to remember those who were victims of the recent tragedy.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS to APPROVE the minutes of the August 27, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that President Younglove had nothing to report at this time.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK thanked Public Works for hanging the ribbons and LeRoy's for making the red, white, and blue ribbons. He also thanked Councilperson Ehrsam for all of the public relations work he did to make the newspapers and media aware of this.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO indicated that Council was in receipt of his written report. He reviewed his report noting key points. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the State came in and did a three-year **Audit of the Pension Funds**. Everything went well with the audit. They had a few findings in the year 2000. They will look into clarifying Act 600. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the amount of state aid would not be paid back until the Borough receives the audit back. Borough Manager Pantano recommended looking into paying it this year. There is already a budgeted amount of pension funds. This way, the budget will be clear for pension funds. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we had paid the MMO for the year 2000. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we have not yet paid the 2000 MMO. He further stated that we have received a stock check from a company that we were unaware of. For next year, we won't have to put in additional funds. Borough Manager Pantano stated that this year's MMO is based on 1999's actuarial evaluation. The auditors confirmed that this is typical until the new audit is completed.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO met with people from Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT) regarding the plan and usage for the **Health Insurance Coverage**. Borough Manager Pantano stated our usage is significantly higher than the other communities in our area. The Borough's highest usage is in the Trust. Borough Manager Pantano contacted Mike Foley, a broker in the Borough. They reviewed other options that are possible. Borough Manager Pantano will keep the Police Association involved because it's a part of their contract in accordance with that provided by Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT). VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked if we had more claims. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he is not sure. They are trying to do an analysis to see why it may be higher. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the current rates show $200,000; therefore something seemingly doesn't make sense. Borough Manager Pantano said they factored in a rate adjustment when comparing the current rates ($203,841) to the proposed rates ($305,762).

COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked if the disability paid out was included in their costs. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS added that it might be from other family members. Councilperson Acker expressed his concerns about Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT) not being able to give us more information regarding the claims. Councilperson Zollers stated that he would like the information on the numbers and problems even if it's without the names and addresses. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we might get better rates from another company because they use community rates as opposed to loss history or usage. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the comparisons were between the trust rates and the Blue Cross community rates. Borough Manager Pantano said yes, they tried to show a difference in the numbers. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it is still a $100,000 increase. Borough Manager Pantano stated that this is a summary of prescriptions, medical coverage, and vision therefore we're probably not going to get away without an increase.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that **FEMA/PEMA** approved $39,555.37 out of what was requested. He added that we would get 97% up front and then the remaining 3% once the work is completed. To date, we have received $18,482 in funds. They are processing this fairly quickly. Borough Manager Pantano announced that one of the roads (Williams Lane) included in the paving program has been included in the grant allotment and therefore now an additional road may be able to be paved. The Borough is accepting bids for the Road Program on October 4th.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported on the **recycling grant program**. This is the first year that we completed it ourselves. The consortium did it as a bulk grant and then put it in an escrow account. We have about $5,000 in an escrow account. Borough Manager Pantano expects to get $5,000 from the recycling grant this year.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO addressed the minor issue with collecting parking money at the **train station parking lot**. He recently was advised that we do not cite violators and in a brief survey, it was discovered that 15-20 cars are not paying the .50¢. He looked into issuing citations and possibly raising the fees for parking in the lot. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS expressed his concerns about more people parking on the streets as a result of higher fees. He also stated that in the report on Chapter 15, it might be wise to put up meters even though there is an initial cost incurred. The current system is time consuming and it's hard to enforce. He would like to see Council seriously consider this. He hopes that it will be easy to enforce as well as enforceable.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said the **Pennypack Creek Project** is going exceptionally well. They are moving into the second phase. He has heard good responses from the residents. There was a minor problem with a little dust in the area.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that he received a letter from the attorney representing Dr. Armstrong requesting an application for a preliminary decision. They are looking for the legal ramifications for the property located at **399 North York Road**.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said the **Paving Program** was done as an Authority contract. They will be accepting bids on October 4th. Borough Manager Pantano has already discussed this with Joe Tryon and he was in agreement with him.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that he received notification that we are being joined in a lawsuit with St. John's Lutheran Church. He added that not much information was given. He believes it might be a trip and fall incident. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the insurance company has all of the pertinent information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN was not present at the meeting. His report stated that as of 08/31/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $1,662,856.69. Interest credited for the month was $4,754.65. Average yield for August was 3.47%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council received the **warrant and manual check lists**. Vice President Clark asked about the payment made for the service awards in the police department. CHIEF GALLEN stated that the awards were distributed for years of service. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked about the payment made for Pennsylvania Police Supply. Chief Gallen responded that the 9mm handguns are converted for simunition training. The officers typically stand and shoot at a paper target. Now they have the opportunity to shoot at a target that shoots back. This is also used for the SWAT Team. A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY to approve the warrant list. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked about the payment made to E.P. Henry for **street lights**. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that it was for the red pavers in the sidewalk because we didn't have extras. Councilperson Ehrsam asked if Carr & Duff took them back. Superintendent Stauch confirmed that they did take the pavers back. SOLICITOR MEYER said that Carr & Duff sued for arbitration and we counterclaimed therefore they should be responsible for everything that happened. Superintendent Stauch stated that the Borough is responsible for replacing/repairing the pavers. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if Carr & Duff took them back after we paid for them. Superintendent Stauch stated that after the job was supposed to be completed, we took them back a skid and a half of pavers. Then went after them for the cracked pavers. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO asked if they used the spare ones. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that we were short anyway. Solicitor Meyer asked if any other money was spent towards this project in materials other than to the $315.12 listed on the warrant list payable to E.P. Henry. Superintendent Stauch said he would get the cost to the manager. He also stated that he was told to fix them.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO said that words cannot express the sorrow and anger he feels as a result of the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER announced that he received a demand for arbitration from **Carr & Duff** for the work on the **Streetscape Project** against the Borough of Hatboro in the amount of $86,151, plus interest, costs, and attorney fees. He also prepared and filed an Answer to the Statement of Claim for Arbitration and a counterclaim by the Borough of Hatboro. The counterclaim was prepared after the meeting with Al Gryga, Vince DePallo, and Councilperson Ehrsam. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked how much the Counterclaim was filed for. Solicitor Meyer stated that it was for approximately $75,000 and they may ask for more money (it didn't include the $100 fee per day). He also confirmed that Carr & Duff does have to pay. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked if the arbitration has to come about within ten (10) days. Solicitor Meyer said he doubts it because they still have to exchange documents. He added that you have to file an answer within the ten (10) day time period.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GALLEN submitted a written report, in advance, which is attached. He pointed out that there was a **DUI Sobriety Check Point** from Friday, September 7th, in the evening thru Saturday, September 8th, in the early morning. The check point was conducted, along with other member departments of the Eastern Montgomery County DUI Task Force, on West County Line Road at York Road. Chief Gallen reported that over 1,000 cars were contacted and (13) motorists were tested for possible impairment. Of those thirteen (13), four (4) were found to be under the influence and will be charged by criminal summons. In addition to the four (4) charged by criminal summons, one (1) subject was charged with drug possession and one (1) subject was charged with disorderly conduct. Chief Gallen mentioned that a total of nine (9) subjects have been arrested at the various check points held in Hatboro this year. The task force (consisting of Abington, Hatboro, Cheltenham, Lower Moreland, Upper Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin, and Whitemarsh Townships) is funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

CHIEF GALLEN highlighted the **rabies** information in his submitted report. He said that the police station dealt with their third confirmed case of a rabid animal. The police and fire departments went door-to-door making neighbors aware of the three (3) incidents. They are reminding the community to speak to the health department immediately, if they have any contact with the saliva of a seemingly rabid animal. He requested that people do not start trapping animals as they are only concerned with animals that seem to be rabid. There has been an announcement placed on the cable channel reminding the community to be conscious of their own animals and not to leave food out for stray animals. The police department has been directing a lot of people to the health department. Chief Gallen reported that of the eleven (11) cases of rabid animals in the County, Hatboro has found three (3) of them.

CHIEF GALLEN informed Council that there has been a change in the **accident reporting** system. They are looking at changing it to an eight (8) page report. There will be hearings regarding this topic in October and he stated that he might have to go to Harrisburg to give his testimony. Chief Gallen anticipates figuring out a solution that is more realistic for the people that are actually involved in it. He is trying to make sure that we are not being overworked for the insurance companies. Harrisburg offices will be responsible for data collection.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that former Borough Manager Smith had compiled data regarding traffic accidents at the intersections of Jacksonville and Warminster Roads where they individually intersect with County Line Road. He would like for Council and the Borough Manager to send out correspondence to PennDot requesting improvements be made. Vice President Clark said that everyday that goes by that we fail to write the letter allows for another accident to occur. Chief Gallen stated that he will contact the Chief in Warminster as well.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a written report, in advance, which is attached. He stated that he had nothing to add at this time.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a written report, in advance, which is attached. He had nothing further to report on.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments at this time.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Mr. Younglove
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY mentioned that he had been talking to Bud Aiken about the **Disability and Life Insurance Proposal** (short and long term disability). He recently asked Borough Manager Pantano to make calls about the premiums being bumped up. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO confirmed that under "Own Occupation" it was two (2) years under both and the three (3) years with Harleysville was more expensive. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he spoke with Chief Gallen and they are more concerned with the labor agreement. Councilperson Polaneczky made a MOTION to approve the proposal from William Pollock, of Harleysville Insurance Company, for short and long term life insurance coverage. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS and APPROVED by Council unanimously. Councilperson Zollers asked when it would be effective. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it would be effective in October or November. Councilperson Polaneczky added that October would be ideal because that is the beginning of the last quarter in the year.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the Bookkeeper is back and the spreadsheets are coming together. Councilperson Polaneczky will sit down with Borough Manager Pantano and put together some numbers for a very preliminary budget.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY met with George Kirikitus about designing a Business Privilege Tax Software Program for the Borough. It feeds into Code Enforcement and it's quite extensive. He hopes that Council can make a decision at the next Council meeting. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the decisions need to be made, one way or the other, shortly.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs – Dr. Doorley
COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety - Dr. Clark
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Zollers
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS made a MOTION to approve **Ordinance 2001-941,** which is amending the **Sidewalk Ordinance**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve **Ordinance 2001-940,** which is amending sections 1701 and 1704 of the **Zoning Ordinance**. The amendment is regarding **roof signs**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK adjourned the September Council meeting at 8:32 p.m. He announced a brief executive session was going to be held.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

MINUTES APPROVED
BY COUNCIL

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – 09/17/2001

DUI SOBRIETY CHECK POINT

ON FRIDAY EVENING 09/07/2001 - SATURDAY MORNING 09/08/2001 OUR DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE OTHER MEMBER DEPARTMENTS OF THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE, CONDUCTED OUR SECOND DUI SOBRIETY CHECK POINT ON WEST COUNTY LINE ROAD AT YORK ROAD. THE DETAIL RAN FROM 10:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 AM. OVER 1000 CARS WERE CONTACTED AND 13 MOTORISTS WERE TESTED FOR POSSIBLE IMPAIRMENT. OF THOSE 13, FOUR (4) WERE FOUND TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND WILL BE CHARGED BY CRIMINAL SUMMONS. IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR (4) ARRESTED FOR DUI, ONE SUBJECT WAS CHARGED WITH DRUG POSSESSION AND ONE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

A TOTAL OF NINE SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED CHECK POINTS HELD IN HATBORO THIS YEAR. THE DUI SOBRIETY CHECK POINTS ARE FUNDED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

RABIES INCIDENTS

ON FRIDAY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED OUR AGENCY OF A THIRD CONFIRMED CASE OF RABIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH. ON MONDAY 9/10/2001 A RESIDENT OF LOLLER ROAD REPORTED A RABID SKUNK IN HER YARD. THE ANIMAL WAS DESTROYED AND TAKEN TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHERE IT TESTED POSITIVE FOR RABIES.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ENTERPRISE FIRE POLICE HAVE BEEN GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR AND NOTIFYING RESIDENTS OF THE RABID ANIMALS. ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN BITTEN, SCRATCHED OR SALIVA EXPOSURE BY A RABID ANIMAL MUST RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR PREVENT THIS FATAL DISEASE. RESIDENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE MONTGOMERY CO. HEALTH DEPARTMENT – DIVISION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AT 610-278-5117.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WANT RESIDENTS TO PLACE TRAPS OUT FOR WILD ANIMALS. CONTACT OUR AGENCY IF YOU LOCATE AN ANIMAL THAT MAY BE RABID.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

THE CONSORTIUM POLICE WRITTEN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2001 AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE. OFFICERS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE WORKING THE DAY OF THE TEST AS PROCTORS. WE HOPE TO CONDUCT THE ORAL EXAMINATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WHEN THE WRITTEN SCORES ARE RECEIVED.

HATBORO PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MONTH OF Aug 2001

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Loads of trash	39	300
Tons of trash	267.39	3,030.37
Street opening permits	2	10
Street opening fees collected	$200	$585.00
Sidewalk/curb permits	6	35
Sidewalk/curb fees collected	225	$1,511
Large article pick-up stops	57	120
Amount of large articles picked up	120	714
Newspaper tonnage	19.27	153.95
Grass/leaves tonnage	25.62	163.87
Recycle glass/cans tonnage	22.2	114.18
Tires recycled and cost		
Recycles-refrigerators/freezers/microwaves		
Cost of above		

REMARKS:

BOROUGH COUNCIL
John G. Younglove, Esq., President
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MONTHLY FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Month of Aug 2001.

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	21	160
Re-Inspections	12	44
Fire Investigations	8	56
Special Service	1	10
Fire Reports Issued	0	2
Permits Issued	2	23
Permit Fees Collected	$50	$620
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	$50
Inspection Fees Collected	$193	$3,899
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	0	$300
Total Fees Collected	$243	$4,869

EVERYONE'S HOME AT 315 York WAS found guilty for violations + fined $300, which has not been received yet

Remarks:	INVEST	INSPT	SS	Total
STAUCH	1.30	1.35	2.0	3.15
THOMAS	.15	0	2.0	.35
READING	.15	.30	0	.45
SITE	1.00	4.50	1.0	6.50
TOTALS	3.00	6.55	5.0	14.55

BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 15, 2001

PRESENT

President Younglove, Vice President Clark (arrived at 7:36 p.m.), Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Zollers, Polaneczky (arrived at 7:39 p.m.), and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Borough Manager Pantano, Solicitor Meyer, Detective Corporal Gardner, and Superintendent Stauch.

CALL TO ORDER

President Younglove called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:31 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence to remember Police Chief Gallen's mother, Myrtle Gallen.

MINUTES

A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON ACKER to APPROVE the minutes of the September 17, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO indicated that Council was in receipt of his written report. He reviewed his report noting key points. Borough Manager Pantano stated he recently attended a Local Task Force **Storm Water Management** meeting in order to get the various municipalities together to address regional flooding issues. Three (3) State Representatives, various county and state officials, D.C.E.D., D.E.P., F.E.M.A., and P.E.M.A. representatives were all present at the meeting. There was discussion on the action that this group decided to go forward with. Most importantly, the goal was to have a lead agency acting as coordinator. They recommended that Montgomery and Bucks County's consortiums establish a lead agency, therefore, enabling the information to get to the consortiums that could then transmit the information to the various municipalities. There was also discussion of the Phase II storm water requirements. The program will require all municipalities to have a comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan. He added that we will have an updated Storm Water Management Policy in place and have one (1) Storm Water Management Plan for the Pennypack Watershed, thereby having it coordinated as one Watershed Plan. Borough Manager Pantano also said that this fits into what we are trying to do as a regional program. The State Representatives committed to support the efforts in giving the municipalities the power to form a regional overseeing body. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS said the comments sound like tremendous progress. He added that it's a major step in the right direction. He further commended everyone that attended the meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he receives calls frequently regarding the **Chelsea and Warminster Roads traffic light**. He recently met with representatives from PennDot, Gilmore & Associates, and Armour & Sons. PennDot indicated that they were happy with the way the plans were laid out. There was a delay in the equipment delivery of the pole and controller. They are currently waiting for both items. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they should have it installed in early December, and mentioned that it should definitely be done by the end of the year.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said that he met with a representative from PennDot regarding the **Byberry and Warminster Roads traffic light**. This would provide a left-hand turn signal if you were headed north on Warminster Road. PennDot asked if the Borough would complete the traffic

counts in effort to save time. Borough Manager Pantano said financially it wasn't possible and PennDot should proceed with the counts.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said that he is working with the auditors to close out the Streetscape II Grant .

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **2001 Street-Paving Contract** was awarded to General Asphalt Paving by the Borough Authority. He added that more roads were put on the contract than they originally anticipated doing. They have recently reviewed the bids and the exact streets being completed.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that the **Pennypack Creek Channel Improvement Project** looks complete. There are some surveys, which need to be completed by the Borough Engineer. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he is pleased with how well the project went. Everyone in the community said the contractor was cordial and professional.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO offered an update regarding the **flood repair**. He said the work included forming a headwall at York and Crooked Billet Roads. The Public Works Department was reconstructing it by putting in a headwall, sidewall, and riprap in order to prevent additional erosion. They have also been working the storm sewer collapse at Windover and Crooked Billet Roads. The excavation is complete and the pipe has been delivered. According to Superintendent Stauch, the project should be complete by the end of the week.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said the 2001 budget included funds for the lease-purchase of a **dump truck** for the Public Works Department. The bid price through the Westmoreland Council of Governments was quoted at $65,918 for the entire package. Borough Manager Pantano clarified that this will cost the Borough approximately $2,884 per quarter for a seven (7) year lease and is covered under the sinking fund section of the budget. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if this was a bargain purchase, which would allow us to buy it out at the end. Borough Manager Pantano said yes and likewise, if the Borough can't afford it then they will take it back without penalties. This incentive allows a lot of municipalities to commit long-term. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he would place it on the agenda under the section of Public Works and Public Properties.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked about the **health insurance update**. He said the cost was up about 20% and asked why we have the highest number of claims. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated this is a different carrier and the other company did not get back to him about this issue. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked if this figure was less than D.V.H.I.T. Borough Manager Pantano confirmed that this was indeed a lower figure.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN was not present at the meeting. His report stated that as of 09/30/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $1,297,721.23. Interest credited for the month was $3,863.88. Average yield for September was 3.20%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council received the **warrant and manual check lists**. A MOTION was made by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK to approve the warrant and manual check lists. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO expressed the sorrow in his heart and paid tribute to Police Chief Gallen's mother, Myrtle Gallen. He stated that he has known her for years. She was full of life and joy. Mayor Celano said that she will be in his prayers forever.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed a Complaint filed by a former Borough Employee and has directed it to the insurance carrier. He also announced that the Arbitrator has been selected regarding the claim of Carr & Duff Streetscape payment. He added that he is in the process of setting up a telephone preliminary conference. Solicitor Meyer reported that he reviewed the Complaint filed by Acme Rental and has the hearing schedule on November 20, 2001. He amended the Cell Tower Ordinance and prepared the Developer's and Escrow Agreements regarding Closet Works. Solicitor Meyer provided notice to Borough Council regarding potential conflict of interest regarding the rezoning of the property at Home and York Roads. He requested to withdraw as representative and suggested substitute counsel on this issue as needed. Finally, he requested approval not to pursue the appeal regarding Hatboro v. Morgan, Court of Common Pleas

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH stated that since the happenings on September 11th they have been attending meetings and seminars on chemical warfare, bombings, etc. They are all involved and recently attended a symposium regarding water rescues. They have been directed to form a unified command in which they have been practicing with the recent fires in Hatboro. They are in contact with F.E.M.A. and the County regarding different issues happening on a daily basis.

DETECTIVE CORPORAL GARDNER stated that there have been certain scares of biological warfare and some increased calls. He mentioned that on Friday officers responded to a call from a business on Jacksonville Road and conducted a preliminary investigation regarding suspicious powder found in a box. They formed a unified command structure and secured the materials. Everything tested negative for hazardous threats and/or biological warfare. Detective Corporal Gardner reminded the public not to panic but to increase their awareness. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE commended the Public Works and Police Departments as well as everyone involved for handling the situation so well. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he and Councilperson Zollers were on site that evening and the Police, Fire Marshal, and Public Works employees went about their business and took control. He mentioned that it looked very routine and the community should be proud to have an organization that can handle something of this magnitude. Councilperson Acker called them "True Professionals" and thanked and commended them for a job well done. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS agreed that he was very impressed and thanked Borough Manager Pantano for being there as well.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a written report, in advance, and had nothing to add at this time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments at this time.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Mr. Younglove
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE recommended that a motion be made for the Borough Solicitor to not pursue the **Morgan Appeal** and to authorize Solicitor Meyer not to attend on October 18th. A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY for Solicitor Meyer not to pursue or attend the Morgan Appeal scheduled for October 18th. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY mentioned that there would be a **Budget Presentation meeting** held on Monday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs – Dr. Doorley
COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that on September 18th Troop 3 had televised the football game between Hatboro-Horsham and Plymouth Whitemarsh. They also showed the introductory to the news program.

Public Safety - Dr. Clark
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Zollers
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS made a MOTION to award the bid for the delivery of the new contract for the **dump truck** to Day Fleet Sales, as budgeted in the 2001 budget, through the Westmoreland Council of Governments. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and the motion was APPROVED with a 6 to 12 vote, having Councilperson Polaneczky vote no.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that we have been working on getting the ordinance regarding **rental unit inspections** into a format that we could administer. A two-part form has been developed which lists the rental unit and will trigger the application to have a permit issued. There is also a Rental Unit Occupancy Inspection form. Once the rental unit is registered then this form will be used when completing the inspection. A copy will be given to the property owner so they can be better prepared. The Borough will keep a record of inspections on the back of the original application and this form will be filed by street and number. As we develop a system of rental units in the Borough we can eventually find people that may be avoiding paying the Business Privilege Tax. This will also provide a record for the Code Enforcement Officer to keep on file. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we intended on getting a signature from the property manager or resident. Councilperson Zollers stated that the inspector will sign and date it. The person that has made application for the inspection will sign it as well. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that this is in draft form and can be changed. Councilperson Polaneczky said that by having a signature it proves that someone was there for the inspection. He added that he likes it for the Business Privilege Tax information as well. Councilperson Zollers stated that a limited number of forms have been prepared and at some point there may be revisions. Borough Manager Pantano announced that he prepared a letter to the rental property owners and will get it out to as many as they are aware of. It's also advertised on the community channel and on the website. Mr. Dan Marschall, 15 Home Road, asked what was going to be inspected. He asked if it was for all rental properties, unless it's a family

member, and if they were checking for health and safety issues only. Councilperson Zollers read through the whole list and said it's generally for the safety and health hazards. BUILDING INSPECTOR HELLER stated that it's a little more detailed than the "For Sale" Use & Occupancy inspection but it's similar to the commercial property rental occupancy permit that is already in place. Councilperson Zollers stated that the ordinance is on file and recommended that Borough Manager Pantano proceed with the forms being printed with the changes. He also asked that they report back to Council in a few months regarding this issue.

Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve the **Waiver of Land Development Fees for Hatboro Lumber**. He said the plans have been reviewed to construct a lumber storage area. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to award the **Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan Update Contract** to Urban Research and Development. Three (3) residents interviewed about six (6) companies and they feel this firm is the best. In accordance with the Search Committee, this MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS adjourned the October Council meeting at 8:32 p.m. He announced a brief executive session was going to be held.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

HATBORO PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MONTH OF SEPT 2001

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Loads of trash	30	330
Tons of trash	249.85	3,280.22
Street opening permits	0	10
Street opening fees collected	0	$585.00
Sidewalk/curb permits	6	41
Sidewalk/curb fees collected	$220	$1,511
Large article pick-up stops	20	383
Amount of large articles picked up	47	761
Newspaper tonnage	23.70	177.65
Grass/leaves tonnage	24.67	188.54
Recycle glass/cans tonnage	12.36	126.54
Tires recycled and cost	118	118
Recycles- refrigerators/freezers/microwaves		
Cost of above		

REMARKS:

All Public Works Employees Full Time Attended ~~DESTRUCTION~~ WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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BOROUGH OF HATBORO FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH OF Sept 2001

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	7	167
Re-inspections	3	47
Fire Investigations	7	63
Special Service	5	15
Comm. , U & O Inspections	5	23
Comm. U & O Fees Collected	$2,305	$3,025
Fire Reports Issued	0	2
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	$50
Permits Issued	1	24
Permit Fees Collected	$25	$655
Inspection Fees Collected	1,112	$5,353
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	0	$ 300
Total Fees & Activities	$3,442	$9,385

REMARKS	INVEST	INSPT	SS	TOTAL
STAUCH	8.30	1.55	22.0	32.25
Thomas	.30	1.0	25.0	26.30
Reading	.30	0	14.0	14.30
SINE	6.30	2.45	5.0	14.15
TOTALS	16.00	5.40	66.0	87.14

ATTENDED EMERGENCY SERVICES MEETINGS
ALL FIRE MARSHALS ATTENDED ~~DESTRUCTION~~ WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

SEPTEMBER 24,24 & 26

21/2 hour course Given at the Abington Twp. Emergency Service Building off Foley Rd.

U S Justice Course on Chemical Warfare and Bombings.

AWARENESS FOR RESPONDERS

The following persons attended:

Robert Stauch, Roy Thomas, Matt Gorman, Brent Sine, John Sine, Fred Zollers, Vince Vesco, Raymond Croak, Larry Wurst, Keith Cleghorn, Fred Tinsley, Scott Goold, John Yondura, and Joe Reading

Symposium Sept 28-29

WILSON JONES FUNERAL HOME

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

PRESENT
President Younglove, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Doorley, and Zollers, Chief Gallen, Borough Manager Pantano, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Engineer Solarz.

ABSENT
Vice President Clark and Mayor Celano.

CALL TO ORDER
COUNCILPERSON ACKER called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:42 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Dr. Clark, Chairman
The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:43 p.m.

The **Fire Company Expenditure List** was reviewed by all present. Councilperson Acker noted that after a quick review of the list, he noticed that there were a lot of items listed. CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that most of the items are replacement items from Tropical Storm Alison and was therefore covered by the insurance. He added that there was roughly $10,000 of damage from the storm in June.

JOE READING, Enterprise Fire Company President stated that they received a second letter from F.E.M.A. stating that they turned down the request for the second half of the **federal grant**. He also mentioned that previously $10,000 was already used for the imaging camera from the state. Mr. Reading said the Fire Company would keep the grant information on hand for future submittal purposes. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked if it was turned down simply for a lack of funds. Mr. Reading confirmed that this was true.

There were no representatives from **Second Alarmers** present at the meeting.

CHIEF GALLEN stated that the **Hatboro Christmas Parade** would be taking place this weekend. He said that York Road would be shut down at 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 18, 2001 for the parade. He added that other roads would be closed as well. He submitted a list of the roads to be closed to the newspaper reporters and the Hatboro Community Channel.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS voiced his disappointment that the **Chapter 15** review is not on the agenda as he originally planned for. He stated that it's vital for everyone to stay on top of this issue and it's imperative for Chief Gallen and Vice President Clark to meet to discuss this topic. Councilperson Zollers said that Chapter 15 does have an impact on the police department as far as the traffic rules and regulations in Hatboro and it's been a long time since it was last adopted. He added that it's now in a format that is understandable and that there were many flaws in the original one that need to be updated. CHIEF GALLEN concurred that he has not yet met with Dr. Clark and mentioned that there have been various issues taking place that have prevented the two of them from meeting. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he would urge Dr. Clark to make arrangements with Chief Gallen as well.

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, Mr. Younglove, Chairman
The meeting of the Administration Committee was called to order at 7:47 p.m.

President Younglove stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Administration Committee was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Doorley, Chairman
The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:49 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

BUDGET & INSURANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Polaneczky, Chairman
The meeting of the Budget and Insurance Committee was called to order at 7:51 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that a gentleman from **CENTAX** contacted Borough Manager Pantano at a P.S.A.B. conference regarding assuming the role of collecting the Earned Income Taxes in Hatboro. CENTAX has put together a lengthy proposal and is Mr. Paul Robinson (Eastern Director) and Mr. Michael Hill (Director of Collection Procedures) are here tonight to make a presentation. Councilperson Polaneczky asked that they narrow their scope of their presentation and gave them a few questions to start of with. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is interested in finding out how they can more efficiently collect the Earned Income Taxes and how they find people who are currently not paying, such as a renter or child whose name is not on an official document. He also wanted to find out about their standard collection procedures. MR. ROBINSON stated that the corporate office put the proposal together. He thanked Borough Manager Pantano and Council for inviting them into the Borough of Hatboro to make the presentation. Mr. Robinson said that he would like to explain what CENTAX would do differently from the other collection agencies. He said that they get information that others don't bother with or take the time to pursue. Mr. Robinson said that they get their information from the municipality, put it in their database, send out the returns and then sent in the money as the other companies do, however that's only the basic steps in the whole procedure. He added that CENTAX also visits the municipality on a regular basis, reviews Use and Occupancy permits, looks at Pennsylvania state tax return information, decided on Hatboro's boundaries by doing a street-by-street review and then does a manual review of the Borough. Mr. Robinson said it's a lot of ongoing reviews and detailed investigations. CENTAX works with the Borough to come up with new ideas and recommends the Borough have property owners provide tenant lists as required by an ordinance. He mentioned that every single tax return that is sent in is audited and every number is reviewed and checked. They also audit businesses on a regular basis to make sure they are doing their paperwork and deductions correctly. CENTAX wants to be sure that the employers are truly holding the money therefore they ask for pertinent information all of the time such as tax registries, permits, Use and Occupancy permits, etc.). Mr. Robinson explained that Mr. Hill deals with the net profit portion of the business to verify that people are paying correctly. This encourages employers to be honest and efficient.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that CENTAX is primarily known as a western based company and asked Mr. Robinson to tell about the Eastern operations and offices. MR. ROBINSON stated that their main office is in Bridgeville, right outside of Pittsburgh. There is also another office in Wilkes Barre and there are regional offices in Plymouth and Aston. In addition, there are offices located in Bangor and Exton. There is more management presence in the southeastern part of the state now and Mr. Hill is located in this area as well. Mr. Robinson mentioned that CENTAX is open-minded to put regional offices in other locations as necessary. He added that the company is the largest in the state with over 1,200 clients. CENTAX has gained a significant presence in this area and has many clients in Montgomery County. 95%-98% of their clental is in Delaware County.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there are two (2) ends to our tax collection and the other administrator would still be responsible for collecting the school taxes. He asked if there would be a problem with the combination. MR. ROBINSON stated that it's not necessarily the simplest combination but it's certainly manageable. He said the school district is primarily interested in the residents only and it's not uncommon for individuals to fill out two (2) forms. Mr. Robinson said that hopefully the school district would recognize that someone else is out there that could do the same job.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked Mr. Robinson to explain the rate structure. He asked if there would be set fees and/or additional fees. MR. ROBINSON explained that everything is based on what they collect. They have a very low rate structure. He added that the delinquent and audit programs are low and are based on a percentage of the interest and penalties. Mr. Robinson further stated that the municipality and the school district receive 100% of what they are due. He also explained that if the issue went to the legal side then CENTAX would work with the municipality. If they are guilty then the cost goes to the taxpayer. There is an $8,000 maximum for going to the district justice level. Mr. Robinson also said that the rate structure varies and they are very open-minded and willing to work with the municipality.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that CENTAX would be replacing the other tax collector and asked if they have statistics on their track record or increased revenue. MR. ROBINSON stated that historically they do a better job than their competition when pursuing delinquents. MR. HILL mentioned that they have letters of recommendations from both Hazleton and Greentree. Mr. Robinson added that the successes are a result of the team effort between CENTAX and the municipality.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked, if appointed, would CENTAX be prepared to proceed by the end of the first quarter? MR. ROBINSON said they could be ready before the end of the first quarter. Again, he stated, it's not the simplest option but it's feasible as long as the prior administrator provides CENTAX with the initial information and then CENTAX can enhance the information from that point on. Mr. Robinson stated that the current administrator is very professional and typically provides the information being requested.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that this situation is more involved than just leaving one collection agency and going with another because it's actually adding a second agency. He said, if you were to collect the Borough's Earned Income Taxes and the existing administrator is collecting the school taxes then are the two of you competing? MR. ROBINSON responded by saying that the residents would have ½% going to the school district and the other ½% going to the Earned Income Tax collection. He added that they are collecting from the businesses so there's a difference in revenue. MR. HILL explained that another school district did this and they were effectively collecting more money. He added that the collection stream is greater with CENTAX. Mr. Hill said it happens like this throughout the state of Pennsylvania. He stated that some residents may complain but there's really not a lot of information or time involved in filling out the separate forms. He admitted that sometimes residents send in 100% to one collector or the other, however, it all gets straightened out in the long run.

MR. ROBINSON stated that if they are appointed as the Earned Income Tax collector then they would start out by sending each and every resident and business owner a letter of introduction explaining who they are, how they are collecting, and what they are doing for the Borough of Hatboro.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked what form of identification they send out for the breakdown of the checks. MR. ROBINSON stated that they work based on a trigger balance, which ranges, typically, from $2,000 - $5,000. When the system verifies the amount is in account then it triggers and goes out. Sometimes there is an advance so the money is advanced rather than sitting in the account. A report comes out verifying the amounts, however, it is not broken down by each taxpayer. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if it was broken down for the businesses. Mr. Robinson stated that the service available but not automatic to break it down for each of the businesses. He added that they follow Act 50 very closely and are glad to work with the Borough of Hatboro on an as needed basis. If the numbers are down or up, they'll run a few reports to figure out why, but not on a regular monthly basis. Mr. Hill stated that audits are done each year - free of charge by Chanes, Williams, and Co. in Kingston.

Clients are given a free copy of their audit allowing a very clear paper trail. Mr. Hill offered to send out copies of other examples of previous audits with the client's name omitted. Councilperson Polaneczky added that audits tend to keep people honest.

MR. ROBINSON closed the presentation by reiterating that the success is due to the Borough of Hatboro and CENTAX working together as a team. He added that none of the rates are written in stone and reminded Council and Borough Manager Pantano to contact him or Mr. Hill with any questions or concerns.

The meeting of the Budget & Insurance Committee was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ZONING, DEVELOPMENT & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, Mr. Acker, Chairman

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that in October Council was requested to review the **Cell Tower Ordinance,** which is mostly in standard text. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE advised that he recently submitted comments and revisions directly to Solicitor Meyer and they have been included in the most recent copy. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that they have incorporated this into the new zoning code as a new chapter therefore the definitions should be added similar to the Flood Plain chapter. Councilperson Zollers presumes that it's based on other ordinances of this type and reminded Council that the Borough will be faced with more and more towers as time goes on. President Younglove said that Solicitor Meyer agrees with Councilperson Zollers' statement. Councilperson Acker asked Borough Manager Pantano if he looked at the document. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he did and he was talked to Borough Engineer Solarz about it. BOROUGH ENGINEER SOLARZ offered to do a quick comparison with it. He said that he recently had an experience with setbacks and it had to do with a proposed cell tower that was obvious and very close to a residential district. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's a zoning change so the Borough has to follow the rules in advertising before having the meeting for it. It was recommended to be placed on the January agenda.

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Mr. Ehrsam, Chairman

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was called to order at 8:37 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Mr. Zollers, Chairman

The meeting of the Public Works & Public Properties Committee was called to order at 8:39 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that there was recently paving done on various streets in the Borough and requested Superintendent Stauch to look at the issues being brought to his attention tomorrow. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that he would verify that the paving was done to specifications. BOROUGH ENGINEER SOLARZ stated that we are doing very well with the budget. He added that the temperature effected the pavers from going out right away this morning. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that the paving will be completed by tomorrow and then Borough Engineer Solarz will review the punch list.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH said the F.E.M.A. issues have been taken care of also. He also reminded Council that the parade is this Sunday so they would be busy preparing for that at the end of the week.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH advised Council that the Pennypack Creek and sidewalk projects are both completed. BOROUGH ENGINEER SOLARZ added that these projects were also under-budget. COUNCILPERSON ACKER said that they were very neat and orderly as they were working on the project.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH mentioned the roofing a rain gutter issues at the Loller Building. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS added that the bid for the firehouse roof came in less than they expected as well. BOROUGH ENGINEER SOLARZ said he will take the bid and turn it into specifications. He stated that it's not a regular type of building in that it has a corrugated metal roof. They met with the contractor and they can indeed put down a regular roof if they first put down the decking.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH mentioned that the leaves are still falling from the trees. Therefore, the Public Works department is still busy with leaf pick-up.

The meeting of the Public Works and Public Properties committee was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that there would be a brief Executive Session after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

Borough of Hatboro

Special Budget Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2001

PRESENT
President John Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilmen Acker, Polaneczky, Ehrsam, Zollers, Borough Manager Pantano, Chief Gallen, and Superintendent Stauch.

ABSENT
Mayor Celano and Councilperson Doorley.

CALL TO ORDER
President Younglove called the special meeting to discuss the 2002 Preliminary Budget Proposal to order at 7:39 p.m.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2002 BUDGET
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that the purpose of this meeting is to consider approval of the budget for 2001.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated he wanted to remind everyone that this meeting was to discuss the two (2) phases of the 2002 budget. The two phases consist of the operating (general budget) and the capital (expenditure). He also reemphasized that the budget is preliminary.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that important to recognize that the agenda is being divided into two (2) separate sections because the capital items are listed separately since they are being addressed through the Borough Authority. He added that in the 2001 budget a transfer of $68,000 was to go towards capital improvements, which were not all completed.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the revenues are estimated at $4,764,433 for the **General Fund**, $289,000 for the **Sinking Fund**, and $158,700 for the **Fire Protection Fund**. The **total revenues** are estimated at $5,212,133. The differences between the operating revenue and the expenditures are -$147,297. He added that the total revenue does not include any contributions from the Authority. This shortfall would equate to about .416 mil increase, provided not contributions from the Authority are included.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO noted that there was a significant discrepancy found in the **electricity** amount budgeted for the Police Department. The current budget showed $2,300 whereas it should have stated $23,000. As a result, the proposed 4/10 of a mil increase will have to be revised. These changes will be reflected in the revised copy of the 2002 budget.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that another major factor in this budget is the **Earned Income Tax collection** is expected to drop to $850,000 for the year 2002. In addition, the Occupational Privilege Tax should decrease by $12,000.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that **Code Enforcement** figures offset the total amounts as well. He then said the General Funds Revenue is projected to be $4,764,000, which is a $50,000 increase overall.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO discussed the **major expenditures** and defined them as items we don't have control over such as employee raises, health insurance (about 20% increase), and electrical costs (about 10% increase). He also noted that the **Sinking Fund** is projected at

$285,140 whereas the revenue is $289,000. This included the lease payments for the computers, dump truck, and the Superintendent's vehicle. He added that the street sweeper was paid off for this year.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that the **Fire Department** has requested a $100,000 increase for a new fire truck, which is not reflected in this year's operating budget. Additionally, **capital budgets** are estimated at $420,000, which is more than the Borough can afford. Borough Manager Pantano met with the Authority to prioritize the capital issues. Funding from the Authority should be in the range of $225,000 - $230,000 and $228,000 worth of expenses have been prioritized. The funding from the Authority covers a good majority of the items for next year. Some of the $228,000 will be leveraged against grants.

In summary, BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there were no significant increases in the overall budget. The options in order to reach a balanced budget include raising taxes, increasing trash fees, or eliminating specific expenditures in certain categories.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS brought up the discussion about the repairs to the **Fire Company roof** and asked where the money was coming from in the budget. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the Fire Company still had $100,000 left over from 2001. Councilperson Zollers said that it was discussed that it was to be the Borough's responsibility to pay for the roof. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he was not aware of that decision. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY added that he was not aware that the Fire Company was sitting on $100,000. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING stated that he is disappointed that the funds have not been approved. Councilperson Polaneczky clarified that the Borough is unable to give the amount requested and compared it to Public Works' Superintendent Stauch not receiving everything he asked for. He added that the funding is not guaranteed simply because you request it. Fire Company President Reading stated that the Fire Company would be willing to wait another year on the replacement of the **fire equipment** (truck) if the tax increase was approved and fix the roof with the money next year. He also reminded Council that in next year's budget the Fire Company will also be requesting funds for the **800 MHZ radios**. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the radios are not required until the end of 2003. Fire Company President Reading stated that he would also use the funding for replacing or renovating the showers and dressing rooms. He stated that this is important so as to prevent the firefighters from having dangerous chemicals on them when they return to their homes or places of business. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how much the roof is going to cost to repair. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we have an estimate for the roof, which is $57,000. Councilperson Polaneczky verified that the Fire Company would be contributing $10,000 for the repair of the roof. He also clarified that the 2002 budget has nothing to do with the 2003 budget. Councilperson Polaneczky said he doesn't see where we can find $100,000 to give to the Fire Company and said that something had to be traded in the budget for these funds. Councilperson Polaneczky then suggested trading the funds set aside for the **Loller Building renovations** for the Fire Company roof.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked about the **fire trucks**. FIRE COMPANY CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that the Fire Company is not intending on going out of business. He added that the last time the Fire Company tried to buy a truck they had to finance the entire amount thereby paying a lot of interest because we didn't have the money set aside. Chief Zollers said the truck will not need to be replaced unto 2009 and mentioned that they are always saving for two (2) trucks at a time. This is due to the fact that the engines are replaced about every ten (10) years and the ladder trucks are replaced about every fifteen (15) years. Chief Zollers said right now the Fire Company has a 1965 Mack. He added that our neighboring communities replace their trucks about every five (5) years. By preparing for the inevitable now (replacing the trucks), you are able to save on the payment of interest. Chief Zollers also noted that the $70,000 for the radios in 2003 might again be pushed back by the County. Vice President Clark asked how the Borough was in such a bind of going out and absorbing the money for the interest. Chief Zollers stated that we didn't have a tax increase for seventeen (17) years and the last tax increase was made to make the necessary payments on the

truck. He further stated that we know that in 2009 the truck will need to be replaced so we are simply trying to plan in advance. Chief Zollers stated that he feels their request is reasonable. He also reminded Council that the ladder truck will need to be replaced in 2015 and the Chief's vehicles needs to be replaced in a timely manner as well. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked about how much money would need to be put down to obtain reasonable interest rates. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING stated that the tower that the Fire Company purchased in 1995 was $535,000. We put down approximately $350,000 and they gave us 6%-7% interest until the truck was officially delivered. He added that the price of the 1999 truck was $400,000 and the payments are $66,000 per year for ten (10) years. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he feels it's admirable that the Fire Company wants to save the money. He also said that we had to finance or lease the dump truck and the Suburban and if we get out of the deficit then we can set money aside. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the Borough would help with the roof and the radios. He then asked about how much the radios are expected to cost. Chief Zollers stated that they should be about $80,000. SANDY ZYGMONT stated that the interest rates are really low right now and asked if the Fire Company has considered refinancing. Fire Company President Reading stated that he was not sure but would contact the company. Vice President said that they have to have the roof repaired. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said there is $7,000 left in the grant because we had to pay for the engineering.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked about how much a mil generates. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it generates about $200,000. Councilperson Zollers said that the cost of living does not get cheaper each year. If the Borough wants to provide the services that we currently provide then there might be an increase. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that his neighbors couldn't afford an additional $120 per year as an increase. Councilperson Polaneczky said that we could take away the privilege of having our trash collected twice a week. Councilperson Polaneczky said that the Borough of Hatboro is the second highest in tax increases. Councilperson Zollers stated that he likes living in the Borough because of the phenomenal Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. He added that we attract the type of people that want to live here. If we start eliminating the services then we won't attract those people. Councilperson Polaneczky agrees that we provide quality services. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE acknowledged that we wouldn't have all of the necessary answers tonight at the Special Meeting.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS recognized that it's good to discuss these issues publicly. He added that he believes that we could and have to afford another tax increase. He stated that it shouldn't be a large one but we should "bite the bullet" because we don't have many alternatives as he's advocated for a long time. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY agreed with discussing this publicly but takes the opposite view. He stated that it's now the highest unemployment rate in twenty (20) years a sees a small increase as being acceptable but that's it. He liked the idea of refinancing.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING stated the he believed the community would pay an additional $10 per month for fire protection. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that they already have fire protection. Fire Company President Reading asked if Gilmore & Associates would consider doing the work for the Fire Company free of charge. Councilperson Polaneczky agreed with other council members that they didn't believe this would be feasible. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK would like everyone to find the $50,000 for the roof and let the $100,000 remain for the other repairs to be made. Councilperson Polaneczky and Councilperson Zollers both supported him.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that if we are talking about doing the roof this year then we have to get the bids soon. He expressed his concern about the projection of generating money from the Authority any time soon. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked about money that the Authority has that is liquid. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they have about $700 projected available balance. The Authority has set aside $70,000 for **Streetscape litigation**. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE added that the Streetscape hearing is set for the first quarter of 2002. COUNCILPERSON ACKER said if the roof was put on in December then the billing will not be until 2002. He asked if we could get the Authority to reimburse us then. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING stated that the Fire

Company is willing to forward the money to Council, if necessary, and then get reimbursed. President Younglove stated that he would like to see some consensus about meeting their primary needs.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM suggested taking the $430,000 from the past and adding $650,000 to renovate the **pool**. He also recommended borrowing $1,000,000 because presently the interest rates are about 4.8% for a ten (10) year period of time. Councilperson Ehrsam stated the Authority could do the pool and it would also clean the budget totally eliminating the one million one hundred thousand dollar loan that we take. Additionally, this would reduce the payback to the Borough from $40,000 to about $30,000 therefore allowing us to pay off the **Tax Anticipation Note** in March. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he doesn't disagree with this suggestion although through most of 2002 we have committed all of the interest from the Authority to the capital funds. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that it's not a Tax Anticipation Note and the interest rate is $43,000 per year that we save. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that we have to ask for proposals to do that. Councilperson Polaneczky said we could save the balance that we would incur until other fees, which the money will have to come out of Authority funds. Councilperson Zollers added that he thinks Councilperson Ehrsam's proposal is great although he believes it will take more time. He mentioned that it should be discussed now. He also asked if it would be a loan or if we could refinance the whole bond issue. He noted that he is aware that bonds cost more but the Borough has very little allowable debt. Councilperson Zollers also said that it's been refinanced already and he knows that it takes a long time. He recommended starting this process in January. President Younglove stated that it's the only way to get the pool and get rid of the deficit. Councilperson Polaneczky said that the only problem is that the bond issuance costs are high. Councilperson Zollers stated that there may also be legal problems with borrowing because normally municipalities do not borrow so much money. Councilperson Polaneczky advised that this is recently changing providing you can collateralize it. Councilperson Zollers stated that the only way to make a $5,000,000 trust fund work is by finding creative ways to deal with it. Councilperson Ehrsam suggested that maybe the Authority would finance the pool. Councilperson Zollers stated that it's not something that can be resolved by the end of this year but it does need to be worked on a completed. He added that the proposal has a lot of merit and should be addressed. COUNCILPERSON ACKER agreed that there is no time to put this idea into place right now.

FIRE COMPANY CHIEF ZOLLERS suggested that maybe the Fire Company could lump their debt with that of the Borough because of the larger volumes when they are together. Then the Fire Company could make necessary payments to the Borough directly. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he would like to see them work together to come up with a plan. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the Fire Company does a great job with fighting fires and suggested that they bring someone in with possible connections to assist with creative financing. He also added that the budget is not a bible, rather it's a guideline.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked specifically what we are planning on working on right now. He added that the renovations to the **Loller Building** and the renovations to the **Fire House** cannot wait. He mentioned that the Loller Building is a valuable treasure and he doesn't want to see the money taken away from its renovations.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY noted that there was no money budgeted for **Main Street,** which brings businesses into town. He also, again, noted that there was a misprint in the Police budget thereby requesting $2,300 for electricity costs when it should have read $23,000.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY mentioned that the request for an **extra Police Officer** has also been placed on the budget. CHIEF GALLEN said that the new officer is showing $10,500 because of not hiring the officer until the middle of the year.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked about the **dispatcher** situation. CHIEF GALLEN reported that he is looking into making a decision on that by the end of November. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated

that Chief Gallen indicated that as of January 2002 he will go with the County dispatchers. He added that Chief Gallen has requested to transfer the dispatchers into a clerical job or something comparable. Chief Gallen stated that currently the dispatchers do data entry, police report writing, prisoner monitoring, handle walk-in complaints, disseminating Borough police information over the phone, and other clerical duties. He added that they still need people in the police building. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY requested that the necessary numbers be "crunched" before the Council meeting on November 26, 2001. He mentioned that Chief Gallen would like to keep three (3) fulltime dispatchers on different shifts. He then asked if we could do prisoner transfers. Chief Gallen stated that prisoner transfer is possible, however, in order to transfer a prisoner you need to take two (2) people off of the street. He added that he would like to minimize closing the police building down. He believed that it should be manned 24 hours a day as we are a safe haven for the community. People in the public don't like seeing an empty police building. Switching over to the County radio is an operational change. Chief Gallen stated that as a result of the change, we would need two (2) additional officers or provide training for twelve (12) other officers. Councilperson Polaneczky told Chief Gallen to contact Borough Manager Pantano regarding this issue. President Younglove stated that keeping the dispatchers might have an effect on hiring an additional fulltime officer.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked if we would have to put additional money in if we switch to **CENTAX**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY responded by stated that we could save in the expense and that he believes that CENTAX would save us ½%. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO added that there is also a slight savings in the Occupational Privilege Tax.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked if we have included the **Real Estate Transfer Tax** for the project proposed at the train station. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that some plans have indeed been submitted. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HELLER mentioned that Moreland Crossing just brought in their design package on November 15, 2001. Borough Manager Pantano added that he used the four (4) year average for estimating the transfer tax. He already raised it.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that the **contractor registrations** were at $24,000 for year 2001 but are estimated at $18,000 for year 2002. He asked why this was predicted. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that contractor renewals are about half of the registrants and their renewal fee is only $50 opposed to the $100 fee for the new registrants.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked about account number 443.11, which proposes $10,000 of **special legal fees**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there are two (2) labor agreements set up for year 2002. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY added that we have never had a union before. Borough Manager Pantano noted that he changed the item above from $35,000 in legal fees to $25,000 and placed the $10,000 into the section for special fees. President Younglove also mentioned that a lot of legal fees were incurred for Miller Meadow.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked what account number 381.85 had $40,000 allotted for "**sale of property**" for. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it's not for the sale of a property rather it's for miscellaneous items. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked if it was for the Warren Street property. Borough Manager Pantano reiterated that it's simply for large miscellaneous items. He figured out the number based on history.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked why account number 362.41 for the **building permit fees** went down. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he believed that we counted on Moreland Crossing in last year's budget. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HELLER stated that it's about $15,000 for building permits for the proposed Moreland Crossing Townhouses.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked if the **Fire Police compensation** has an impact on anyone's budget. FIRE COMPANY CHIEF ZOLLERS and POLICE CHIEF GALLEN both stated that they did not put anything in their budget for this. Chief Gallen mentioned that he met with Joe Tryon from the

Chamber of Commerce and they're not sure how this can be taken care of. He added that the Fire Police have always been there for the Police and Fire Departments, however, now they are being used more frequently for special events such as the Car Show and the Christmas Parade. He feels that they should be rightfully compensated for this. Councilperson Zollers suggested altering or adding an additional fee to the fee schedule under special events. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE suggested billing them additionally for compensating the Fire Police. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the Borough should not get involved with collecting the fees and recommended that the Chamber of Commerce collect the money and compensate the Fire Police for their time at special events. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that the Chamber of Commerce was paying the individuals but that has come to a stop. Chief Zollers stated that the Fire Police are not really working for the Fire Company therefore the Fire Company doesn't have the ability to issue them checks. Councilperson Zollers stated that we are dealing with the Chamber of Commerce and the Hatboro Rotary. Chief Galled added that they are also dealing with other fire company units. Chief Zollers said that the Fire Police are a part of the Fire Company and it was agreed that their money would go towards Fire Police Equipment. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he doesn't want to collect the money because they are employees and asked if they were then being considered subcontractors. Chief Zollers stated that he hoped that Council would approve this. He also mentioned that if they are hurt then they are covered under the Borough's Workman's Compensation Insurance. President Younglove said that their status would not change. Councilperson Ehrsam asked if this would be classified as a tip. Chief Gallen stated that the request from the Fire Company regarding the Fire Police comes from the Police Department as well.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK said that the **miscellaneous funds** in account number 361.70 are steadily increasing. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said that he budgeted refunds through Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance through D.V.I.T. He added that this year we were closer to $30,000 and it should go downward next year. Borough Manager Pantano stated that D.V.I.T. recommends not budgeting it at all. He further mentioned that we should get something from Workman's Compensation Insurance but not from General Liability therefore he was trying to be conservative with his figures.

JOHN TAGGART noticed that the **pool expenditures** showed no additional income in account 392.91. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY advised that this is because the swimming pool is an enterprise fund. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO added that the pool has its own revenue.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that account number 352.13, for **alarms**, was budgeted at $4,000 - $5,000. He added that historically it was lower. As he was looking at the individual fees, he noted that there was $19,000 for 39 false alarms. CHIEF GALLEN mentioned that the Police Department does not do any alarm monitoring but Corporal Becker takes care of the alarm fees. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE requested that Borough Manager Pantano look into this account. Borough Manager Pantano stated that if he couldn't explain a spike then he referred back to previous history.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said the **Governing Body expenses** stayed about the same. He added that the **Executive expenses** are the lowest they've been in history. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY noted that this was in regards to general account number 401.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that $32,000 has been budgeted for **Berkheimer**. He also clarified that account number 402.311 was for **Bee, Bergvall & Company**.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that $750 allotted for Tax Collector Emig might be low since she will be responsible for collecting the Business Privilege Tax. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO added that Berkheimer will be less as well. Councilperson Polaneczky asked what we usually collect in Business Privilege Taxes and stated that he wouldn't be opposed to elevating the **Tax Collector pay**. He also stated that she only requested departmental supplies. Borough Manager Pantano stated that everything she requested was added into the current 2002 budget. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that a Tax Collector's salary is set prior to the post being vacant, by law.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that we might be ok because her duties are being changed. Council agreed to talk to Tax Collector Emig about what she would request.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we were going with an **Excel Spreadsheet** for account number 407.314. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said yes. Councilperson Polaneczky recommended then cutting back the amount budgeted a little.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY said that the Borough will continue to pay for the **Fire Company audit, insurance,** and the renovations to the **roof**. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he is in support of a tax increase for the Fire Company. FIRE COMPANY CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that as a taxpayer he feels that it's the idea of pay now or pay later. He knows that the costs are not going to go away and doesn't anticipate a big windfall in the Borough. Chief Zollers added that as a resident he would rather pay a little more now than have a huge increase in about five (5) years. Councilperson Polaneczky again urged the Fire Company to work with a financial oversight board to assist the Fire Company in putting together a plan. Chief Zollers reminded Council that as the years go on, other issues will come up as well. He recognized that ten (10) years ago, the Borough wouldn't have predicted doing water rescues and we need the proper equipment in order to complete these tasks with success. SANDY ZYGMONT recommended having the Fire Company mailing out a fund raising letter.

Fire Company Chief Zollers, President Reading, and other members left at this time.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked about the **Professional Services for the Engineer**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he has a revised copy including the actually numbers for the nine (9) months and added that this figure does not include **Carr & Duff**. SANDY ZYGMONT mentioned that the Authority has been covering the costs for all of the Carr & Duff expenses. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he would like to keep the $42,000 in there.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH said that account 430-360 is for repair to the **Walkie Talkies**. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked about the Nextel's for communicating. Superintendent Stauch stated that the Nextel's are only for the Supervisors and Lead Technicians. This figure should be changed to $1,000.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that in 1998 Council budgeted money to the **Bike Patrol**. CHIEF GALLEN stated that the money covered the start-up costs. He mentioned that they are out on the bike patrol most days, however, they are not out fulltime. Chief Gallen stated that the money in the budget for 2002 would cover the training for a new officer. Vice President Clark asked if the Bike Patrol was successful. Chief Gallen stated that he receives a lot of positive comments. He added that on the bikes, the officers are able to get into alleys and behind stores where they might not be able to gain access in a traditional vehicle. He said that he can't necessarily stated that they have made more arrests as a result of having the Bike Patrol but he feels it's definitely beneficial and an asset to our community.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked why the figured for the **fire hydrant rentals** went up. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he's not sure how the previous numbers were figured out but assured Council that the accurate and correct numbers have been budgeted. He also mentioned that he has noticed that previously items weren't paid out of the accounts they were supposed to be paid out of.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY acknowledged that the **Planning and Zoning fees** went down. He also mentioned that we get 50% of the costs back for the **Crossing Guards**.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that **Solid Waste Disposal** account is up about $15,000 because of additional expenses incurred as a result of the flood in June. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH clarified that it's not just for tipping fees but also for large article disposal.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY noted the $77,000 increase in account number 430-210 was for the **4% wage increase** plus two (2) **additional Public Works fulltime employees** being brought on board. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he would like to see the additional employees bumped off of the budget. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they had three (3) vacancies available, however, Council only allowed him to hire one (1) employee fulltime. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS asked how they have made do without them in the past. Borough Manager Pantano said they can indeed do without them but asked Council to recognize that they are working with fewer fulltime employees before complaining about things that are not being taken care of by Public Works. Councilperson Polaneczky mentioned that Public Works will be unionizing. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that the part time employees are starting at the rate of $8.50 per hour and many of them don't have driver's licenses, which prevents them from performing certain tasks. He then suggested that if Council does not permit him to hire two (2) fulltime employees then can he be allotted additional money to increase the starting rate for the part time employees. Councilperson Zollers asked if we could compromise and hire one (1) more fulltime employee in year 2002. He acknowledged that the Public Works Department is operating but not efficiently. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked about realistically not adding fulltime employees with benefits yet increase the part time wages. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK asked what the part time employees do. Superintendent Stauch stated that they work 40 hours per week and collect trash, mow lawns, and perform other various Public Works duties. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he does not want to hire any fulltime employees and mentioned that he is leery of the contract negotiations. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM added that he agrees with Councilperson Polaneczky and would like to wait on hiring additional fulltime employees as well. Councilperson Zollers stated that ideas like this are what caused Public Works employees to form a union in the first place. He said that we keep cutting back and they are naturally concerned about their job security. Councilperson Polaneczky responded by stating that we haven't cut back if the budget keeps increasing. Superintendent Stauch said that the part time employees could feasibly do more if they had licenses, however, there are not many people that are willing to work for $8.50 per hour. Borough Manager then requested the $15,000 or $20,000 to increase the part time wages as a compromise. JOHN TAGGART asked about eliminating the part time employees and adding the two (2) fulltime employees. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that when they are fulltime then you have to add in the costs of benefits. Borough Manager Pantano stated that when you are looking at dealing with a union you also don't know what you'll get into. Superintendent Stauch stated that he would have to lay off three (3) part time employees to get two (2) new fulltime employees. SANDY ZYGMONT asked if it is in their contract to clean their uniforms. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we provide rental and cleaning of uniforms for the twelve (12) fulltime employees. Vice President Clark stated that he could understand increasing the pay rate in order to get quality people. He requested for Superintendent Stauch to put together a list comparing the duties of a fulltime employee to that of a part time employee. Councilperson Acker asked what the part time employees without licenses are allowed to do. Superintendent Stauch said that they mow lawns, however, they have to count on someone else to transport them from job to job. He added that they are also allowed to collect trash. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that local landscapers are paying about $10.50 per hour. Councilperson Zollers stated that when some of the part time employees aren't supervised then they are not working. He added that they aren't all capable of holding other types of jobs and they aren't all capable of working on their own, without supervision. Councilperson Zollers then urged Council to stay with the two (2) fulltime employees and get rid of some of the part time employees. Councilperson Ehrsam verified that there are twelve (12) fulltime employees, including Superintendent Stauch, and eight (8) part time employees. Superintendent Stauch mentioned that out of the twelve (12) there are only two (2) supervisors plus three (3) technicians. Councilperson Zollers added that the driver is in charge of supervising the part time employees on the back of the trash trucks then, depending on the assignment, carious people are responsible for that crew. He said that a lot depends on the type of job they are doing. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that there are twenty (20) people with five (5) supervisors therefore each supervisor can be responsible for three (3) other employees. Councilperson Zollers noted that you have to take out the mechanic and electrical technician because they typically work on their assignments alone due to the nature of their job assignments. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that

there are really only three (3) or four (4) that are without licenses. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he will reduce the fulltime wages but increase the part time wages by $15,000.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there were no questions about **snow and ice**, **street lighting**, or **traffic lights**.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY sated that we are already over-budget for the regular and overtime wages for the **mechanic**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the 2001 budget should have read $3,000, not $300. Councilperson Polaneczky verified that the mechanic is also the street sweeper and said that he doesn't want to pay him the high rate for sweeping the streets. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we are also over-budget because payroll was charging Butch Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, to this account also. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if we could eliminate paying the mechanic overtime by offering him comp time. Borough Manager Pantano stated that in order to have someone else sweep the streets you would at least need for the person to be a driver. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that he believed that the overtime for sweeping the streets should really come out of the Community Services account. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the mechanic is making $20 per hour. Councilperson Polaneczky suggested that for $30 per hour (overtime rate) we could hire someone for less to sweep the streets. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM again mentioned the idea of giving him comp time instead of the overtime rate. Superintendent Stauch asked if Council was looking to take away one (1) of the drivers and cut the mechanic's hours back. Borough Manager Pantano asked if the street sweeper primarily does the downtown district. Superintendent Stauch stated that he primarily does the downtown district but also does other streets in the Borough. Borough Manager Pantano suggested restricting parking on York Road for certain hours during the business say, as a solution to paying the mechanic overtime to come in before the businesses open during the week. Councilperson Ehrsam disagreed with this suggestion. Councilperson Zollers suggested getting rid of the street sweeper completely as a way of solving this problem. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if they really needed all four (4) drivers. Superintendent Stauch stated that they are not just sitting around at the maintenance building. The drivers are working as well as driving the trucks. Additionally, by adding the $15,000 to the budget to increase the part time wages doesn't mean that we will find anyone right away. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE recommended leaving this topic alone. Councilperson Polaneczky suggested advertising the street sweeper position in the newspaper for $20 per hour for about four (4) hours per week. Councilperson Zollers added that we have a Public Works Department that's done very well so far.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that a lot of the **General Funds Street Maintenance** went into the capital but he wasn't sure why.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the money budgeted for the **parking facilities** was for the meters, however, it's for paving that was never completed.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the **swimming pool** had a net loss of $6,000 - $7,000. He acknowledged that the pool had to be drained and refilled this summer. SANDY ZYGMONT asked if the **phone services** included the payphone and alarm services at the pool. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO verified that it does include the payphone and alarm fees.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that $3,500 was included for the **Pennypack Creek maintenance** so that the Borough doesn't find itself in a bind again.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he did not add money in the budget for **Economic Assistance**. He wanted to wait until the budget was worked out. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE said that the donations are minor and should be included in this portion of the budget. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked about the **Millbrook Society**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY told Borough Manager Pantano to leave it how it is.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO recognized that the numbers will increase for **Workman's Compensation Insurance** and **Unemployment** but added that nothing could be done about that.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we are flushed with **Non-Uniform Pensions**.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE said that assuming we don't increase taxes we still need $50,000 for the **Fire Company roof** and asked if we could postpone replacing the roof on the **Loller Building**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we would incur additional damages as a result of not repairing the roof at the Loller Building. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that we already had the flat roof silver-coated and the gutters are to be replaced this year. He anticipated that the roof would be ok for a while. President Younglove asked if there was another item Borough Manager Pantano would be willing to trade. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he would like to see Borough Hall completed before doing the paving at the **First Union parking lot**, however, that doesn't allot enough money.

SANDY ZYGMONT asked about the **four-wheel drive vehicle**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it's for Public Works.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO verified that he was to add $10,000 for **Main Street**.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE asked for the figures to be revised, if possible, by Monday, November 26, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE adjourned the Special Meeting being held to discuss the 2002 Preliminary Budget at 10:12. He announced that there would be a brief Executive Session held immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 26, 2001

PRESENT

President Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Treasurer McKean, Chief Gallen, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER

President Younglove called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:37 p.m.

MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Vice President Clark to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Zollers and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council should be in receipt of his written report. He updated Council on the **Health Insurance Coverage**. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the new proposal would be with Keystone Blue Cross and would have a 20% rate increase opposed to the 61% increase if we stayed with the present carrier. He has met with representatives of both the Police and Public Works Associations to discuss any problems and compare the coverages. He mentioned meeting with Representatives from Council to discuss the changes and resolve the differences. Borough Manager Pantano reported that he was close to working out the differences with the Police Department.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that he was contacted by Delaware Valley Municipal Management Association regarding the **Regional Task Force on flooding**. He stated that he was recently received notification of a meeting that the Delaware Valley Municipal Association will be holding to continue to pursue the regional approach. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned that the meeting would cover the topics of possible funding sources, coordination between other jurisdictions, and the possible involvement with research facilities at local universities. He stated that he would report back to Council with his findings.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **HVAC Maintenance contract** with Elliot-Lewis has been cancelled for the Loller Building, Police Station, and Public Works Building. He has received a proposal from Ross Mechanical which will save the Borough approximately $4,000 per year. Upon reviewing their proposed services, he has found that they should be more than adequate.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said the **Fire Department Roof bids** are set to be received the first week in December. He added that the advertisement has been out and there is a pre-bid meeting on Monday, October 22, 2001. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the project will include a complete removal of the roof, re-decking, and installation of a new roof and he expects the bids to come in around $60,000.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that the Auditors have completed their audit of the grant, which was received from the State for the **Streetscape Project**. There were no problems from the auditing standpoint. He stated that over $3,000 was unexpended in the Design Challenge Program. This money should have been spent by July. Therefore, the money will have to be returned. Borough Manager Pantano clarified that this return would not effect the budget.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO talked about the **Revitalization Comprehensive Plan**. He requested that a Resolution be passed by Council in order to proceed with receipt of the grant. This will be placed on the agenda for approval this evening.
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO attended a Public Officials meeting, with Councilperson Acker, regarding the **Blair Mill Road Widening Project**. The biggest impact to the Borough is the area by the Little League property. They are proposing 10-15 additional feet from where the road stops. Borough Manager Pantano stated that this would not impact the field itself. It would just take some of the side area. At the meeting, they requested that the Borough provide them with a letter, indicating that the area to be taken is not an active part of the park, to assist them with meeting their federal requirements. He asked Council to consider this request.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO discussed the **Pennypack Creek Channel Restoration**. He said that it was completed and he was contacted by the Army Corp of Engineers to set up an inspection. The Army Corp of Engineers did not show up. He expects to get a favorable write-up the next time we receive a report.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO informed Council that the two **retired vehicles** we up for bid in the paper. The one that isn't drivable did not receive any bids. The other vehicle received a bid in the amount of $200. He requested Council to approve this bid as soon as possible. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that it would be placed on this evening's agenda under Councilperson Zollers' report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 10/31/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $1,723,484.88. Interest credited for the month was $3,372.34. Average yield for October was 2.58%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that Council has reviewed the warrant list in manual check list. A MOTION was made by Vice President Clark to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Doorley and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAYOR CELANO commended all of the people involved with decorating the **street lights** on Main Street. He said that it welcomes the spirit of Christmas and the upcoming Christmas Parade. He thanked everyone involved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he received **deeds** transferred to Hatboro from Hatboro Borough Authority. He also reviewed the **tax exempt classification** regarding 126 South York Road. Solicitor Meyer prepared for and attended a hearing regarding **Acme Uniforms v. Borough of Hatboro**. Finally, Solicitor Meyer reported that he prepared a Request for Production of Documents regarding **Carr & Duff v. Borough of Hatboro**.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT
CHIEF GALLEN submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He also explained that the Police Department was fortunate to receive an equipment grant from the Montgomery County Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers). MADD has furnished the department with a **new portable breath testing instrument** to be utilized by the Patrol Officers. Chief Gallen introduced Mr. Edmund Nelson, Montgomery County MADD Chapter President. MR. NELSON stated that drunk driving is not an accident. It involves the choice of drinking and then driving. He reported that 16,000 people were lost last year in drunk driving accidents. About one (1) person every thirty (30) seconds dies. Mr. Edmund said that the goal of MADD is to educate people. They go out to classrooms, distribute flyers, and have several programs set up. He mentioned that education of young people is the key to reducing the problems. MADD speaks to them about the dangers of drinking and driving. MADD's mission is to have the Police Departments do the job of evaluating whether or not someone has been drinking alcoholic beverages. The provided PBT test will determine the Blood Alcohol Level of the driver. He then presented Chief Gallen with the PBT monitor.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He added that in October he went with John Sine to Maryland to attend the **Fallen Fire Fighter's Memorial**. Fire Marshal Stauch stated that President Bush was in attendance and this memorial was particularly sad because of the fallen victims of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks. Fire Marshal Stauch reported that he attended a workshop in District Court providing training for opening the mail and the safety concerns with this.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
There were no comments at this time.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Mr. Younglove
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE introduced Steve Feraldo and stated that he has wound the **historic clock** in the Loller Building for 6-7 years just because of his love for clocks. He presented Mr. Feraldo with a plaque as recognition of his outstanding years of work in the Borough. He also presented Mr. Feraldo with the Certificate of Commendation.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he had nothing on his agenda at this time. He reported that they are progressing with the **budget**. He added that the changed have been placed in the budget and it seems as though it will be ready to be passed before the new year.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs – Dr. Doorley
COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he had nothing on his agenda to report at this time. He asked how far along they are in finalizing **Streetscape**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he talked to the Engineer and he was informed that Carr & Duff is finished with the punch list. The walk-thru is scheduled for the end of the week. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE mentioned that the walk-thru is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 30th.

Public Safety - Dr. Clark
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Zollers
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS made a MOTION to accept the bid on the retired 1989 Chevrolet Caprice for the amount of $200. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Acker and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 01**-08 in order to proceed with the application for grant money for the **Community Revitalization** Plans. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Ehrsam and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane, stated that he wasn't sure whether he should direct his comment to the Borough or the School District. He mentioned that the railing on the bridge near Crooked Billet Elementary School is in bad shape. He reported that the welds are broken. He also added that the light at the corner property is in the woods and requested that some pruning be completed to take care of this matter. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he spoke with Mr. Hart a few weeks ago and then contacted Superintendent Stauch. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH said that the light was out and has since been replaced. The trimming of the trees has also been taken care of. He met with the School Officials and they are now aware of the bridge safety issues. Finally, Mr. Hart requested that the Police Department spend about fifteen (15) minutes a week patrolling the area of Earl and Madison Roads. He stated that there is a three (3) way stop sign there that most people hardly even slow down for. CHIEF GALLEN stated that the mentioned site has been on the Directed Patrol List and they have been on detail up there, especially at rush hour.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that there would be a brief Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 17, 2001

PRESENT
President Younglove, Vice President Clark, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Zollers, Polaneczky, and Doorley, Mayor Celano, Borough Manager Pantano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gallen, and Superintendent Stauch.

CALL TO ORDER
President Younglove called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK to APPROVE the minutes of the November 26, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that he received a letter of resignation from Chief Gallen stating that he will step down from his position on January 4, 2002. He will begin his new career at the County Detective's Office on January 7, 2002. President Younglove wished Chief Gallen the best of luck with his new endeavors.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE wished the Borough family and citizens happy holidays.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO indicated that Council was in receipt of his written report. He reviewed his report noting key points. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned that they have received the **Fire Company roof bids** for the complete replacement of the roof. He added that there were three low bids and recommends going with the low bid (Lentz McGrane), which includes a 15-year warranty. This item will be placed under the Public Safety portion of the agenda for tonight's meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there has been discussion on working with a company to install a **cell tower**. He has followed up with the company and their next step is to go to the site to see the location and if it will work out. The company will bring in a crane and place the transmitter at various heights to identify the ideal location.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said that the **F.E.M.A. paperwork** is being finalized. He added that once it's submitted we will receive the final 3% which is equivalent to approximately $1,200.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received a letter of engagement from **Bee, Bergvall** for the year 2001. The proposal maintains the cost from this year ($12,500).

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO did receive the **final audit for the Fire Company**. He has passed it onto Council for each member to review. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned that he would follow-up on any questions or comments.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO has been working with Judy Emig, Tax Collector, to switch over to the collection of the **Business Privilege Taxes**. She has been working with Viki Connolly to create and update the forms. Judy Emig is currently working on the new businesses. Borough Manager Pantano said that when the forms are complete, they would send a letter out to people.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the paperwork has been finalized for the **healthcare coverage**. He said that it's 20% higher for 2002; however, it's 40% less than the existing carrier proposed.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that the **2002 budget revisions** have been incorporated into the budget proposal on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received quotes for the **2002 Tax Anticipation Note**. He sent out four requests and received two back (willow Grove and Hudson Banks). Hudson Bank was the low bidder. This item is on the tonight's agenda for consideration.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN was not present at the meeting. He submitted a report in advance. His report stated that as of 11/30/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (P.L.G.I.T.) totaled $1,491,116.11. Interest credited for the month was $3,041.45. Average yield for November was 2.30%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that Council received the **warrant and manual check lists**. A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM to approve the warrant and manual check lists. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO paid tribute to Chief Gallen. He said that he was the Mayor in charge of Former Chiefs Camp and Campbell and now Chief Gallen. He mentioned that he had a father-son relationship with each of the Chiefs. Mayor Celano added that Chief Gallen is truly a professional and a great friend to all of Hatboro as well as all of the officers he was responsible for. In closing, Mayor Celano stated that Hatboro's loss of Chief Gallen would be Montgomery County's gain.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER met with two individuals regarding obtaining wan expert witness for the **Carr & Duff** issue. President Younglove, Councilperson Ehrsam, and Borough Manager Pantano also sat in on the interviews.

SOLICITOR MEYER also was able to conclude the **Acme Uniforms** lawsuit. They settled for $1,358. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that Acme Uniforms was suing for over $2,000 and Judge Leo made the decision for $1,600. We settled for $1,358.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH also wished Chief Gallen the best of luck with his new career. Fire Marshal Stauch said that it's been great to work with Chief Gallen through Emergency Management, Public Works, and with Fire Marshal issues.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CHIEF GALLEN extended his sincere thanks and appreciation for the support he received from Council, Mayor Celano, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, and his family for being there for him especially since he became Chief. He added that it's a bittersweet thing to leave a place that he has been for over half of his life. He stated that he recognized and appreciated everything Hatboro had to offer him.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a written report, in advance, and had nothing to add at this time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

JIM HUNT, Berkheimer Associates, stated that he was recently asked to submit an updated copy of the contract, which was sent to the Borough. Upon review, he mentioned that there was a rate change

submitted. This change includes a 2.5% flat rate for the **Earned Income Taxes** and the **Occupational Privilege Taxes**. He added that Berkheimer would do the **Business Privilege Taxes** for no cost on current collections and 5% on unpaid collections. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE thanked him for the update and stated that Council has not yet had the opportunity to review the proposal.

JOAN STAPLES, 205 West Monument Avenue, asked if Council has made any further considerations regarding the **Police Dispatchers**. PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that the budget being considered tonight has followed Chief's Gallen's recommendation to keep the dispatchers, as clerks, thereby allowing the police station to remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mrs. Staples thanked Council for considering this change and reiterated how important it is to the community for the police station to be open at all times. President Younglove thanked Mrs. Staples for her recent presentation as well as for following up on the issue.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Mr. Younglove
PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE recommended that a motion be made for the Borough Solicitor to settle the **Acme Uniforms Lawsuit** for $1,358. VICE PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the settlement for the Acme Uniforms Lawsuit in the amount of $1,358. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs – Dr. Doorley
COUNCILPERSON DOORLEY stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that there would be several holiday specials aired on **channel 22** this month. They include the football game on December 18th, the parade on December 19th, and the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Library on December 20th.

Public Safety - Dr. Clark
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to consider awarding the replacement of the **Fire Company Roof** to Lentz McGrane for $58,000, which included a 15-year warranty. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY verified that once this is accepted, the Borough will provide $51,000 and the Fire Company would submit $7,000 from the Grant. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING said this was correct.

VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Chief Gallen leaving would be a loss to the community. He added that he has been a pleasure to work with as he offers integrity and professionalism. Finally, Vice President Clark thanked Chief Gallen for his work in the Borough.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Zollers
COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that this would be his last full business session of Council. He thanked everyone at the Council table as well as the Borough family. Councilperson Zollers thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve Hatboro for almost 20 years. He stated that being on Council is very rewarding and he hopes that his efforts have made a difference in making Hatboro a better place to live and work. Councilperson Zollers mentioned that he leaves Council with mixed emotions. He said that he will not miss the problems that he was faced with, however, he ill miss the rewarding experience in being able to be a part of the decision making.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS thanked Superintendent Stauch and the Public Works Department. He added that there isn't finer group of workers in the County. Councilperson Zollers said the Public Works employees are honest, dedicated, hardworking individuals that make Hatboro a great place to live. He recognized the excellence in the Public Works Department.

Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER wish Chief Gallen the best of luck in his future endeavors. He added that having served on Council for almost 18 years, he has seen Chief Gallen through most of his career in the Borough. Councilperson Acker acknowledged Chief Gallen's ability to keep the balance of control and work with the officers, the public, and the Borough Officials. He mentioned that it's not often that you find someone that can work with everyone.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that the year 2001 has brought about a lot of changes in Hatboro. He said that well known stores have closed and Chief Gallen, Councilperson Zollers and Councilperson Zollers are leaving. Councilperson Acker stated that change is inevitable and wishes everyone the best of luck.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER wished the Borough family happy holidays.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he is sad to see Chief Gallen moving on. He hopes that Chief Gallen will bring the same tenacity to the Montgomery County Detective's Office that he had here. He wished Chief Gallen all the best.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he reviewed the Auditor's letter and asked if the $12,500 included the **Fire Company audit**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it in not included. He added that the tax collection part of the Fire Company is included but the other is separate. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if we had a separate engagement letter. Borough Manager Pantano confirmed that there was indeed a separate engagement letter. Councilperson Polaneczky followed up by stating that Bee, Bergvall has been doing most of the auditing background work for a good price and they do a good job with it. Councilperson Polaneczky made a MOTION to reappoint **Bee, Bergvall** to perform the 2001 audit at $12,500. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the lowest quote for the **Tax Anticipation Note** was 2% interest through the maturity of $18,000. He noted that the only problem is that the Borough has to pay the Tax Anticipation Note to Willow Grove Bank by December 31, 2001. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that we wouldn't have the money on the 31st. The Borough will be several hundred thousand dollars short because of the deficit. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if there had to be a vote for this. Borough Manager Pantano said yes. SOLICITOR MEYER agreed that you do have to vote on this. Councilperson Polaneczky made a MOTION to acquire the $900,00 Tax Anticipation Note at 2% interest at maturity. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT CLARK and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he reviewed the management letter from Bee, Bergvall regarding the **Fire Company audit**. FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that he too is in receipt of the management letter. Councilperson Polaneczky asked about the ladder truck that was traded in. Fire Chief Zollers said the difference was equal to the difference in the cost of the new truck therefore there was no money exchange involved. He added that they lowered the trade-in on the invoice by about $33,000 but also lowered the cost of the new truck by $33,000. He wondered if possibly it was a typographical error. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if we sold the truck for $483,000 but the invoice was for $450,000. Fire Chief Zollers said that the Fire Company purchased the new truck for $450,000. Additionally, the $450,000 was received for the trade-in. Fire Chief Zollers mentioned that the original agreement was for $483,000. Councilperson Polaneczky asked why they downgraded us. Fire Chief Zollers reminded Council that they didn't give the Fire Company any money and the Fire Company didn't give them any money. Councilperson Polaneczky recommended requesting a new copy of the invoice from the company. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING said that we went to the dealer for this invoice. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked if this was regarding the leased truck. Fire Company President Reading said no.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked about taking out the $150,000 loan from First Trust but paying off the $114,000 owed on the State loan on the 1994 E-One. FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that the decision was based on the recommendation of former Borough Manager Herrmann at the time because of the 2%

interest. We swapped loans from the old truck to the new truck. Councilperson Polaneczky asked why we made this decision. Fire Chief Zollers stated that it freed up other capital to use since the rate was better than P.L.G.I.T., hence the $100,000 left over for improvements. Fire Chief Zollers added that the Fire Company had the loan on the other truck for the $114,000 and we borrowed $150,000 when we swapped the titles around.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked about the **Second Alarmers Good Faith Estimate**. FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS clarified that it was not a "Good Faith Estimate." Those people paid Ambulance membership dues in 1999. Additionally, this issue dates back to 1999 and we didn't have the opportunity to discuss this with her yet. The Fire Company wrote out the check for the same amount as the membership list shows the Fire Co. received. Councilperson Polaneczky suggested that the Fire Company begins keeping a record of all donations. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING stated that the previously mentioned Second Alarmers issue was about the Ambulance Corp, however, we don't have that anymore. He added that the $5.00 - $10.00 donations don't go into the Fire Tax account. Councilperson Polaneczky again suggested to keep records of all donations. Fire Company President Reading clarified that the records appear to state that $7,000 was used for the banquet and this money was not used for the banquets. Councilperson Polaneczky also recommended keeping an accounting manual. Fire Company President Reading stated that there was a system of checks and balances in place. There were also four months of minutes missing; however, they were given to her (who is "her"???) immediately upon request.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if there was a hard copy of the assets that we have. He also asked if there was a register or a way of knowing what we lost in the flood. FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS said they have a list of the items, which are currently in the building and on the trucks. He mentioned that he's not sure about the details or specifications. Councilperson Polaneczky noted that she did issue a clean opinion otherwise, and he recommended just tidying up the loose ends.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY mentioned considering **approval of the 2002 budget**. He focused on a few items. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they have given a lot of consideration to the **dispatcher situation**. The majority decided to go ahead with keeping the dispatchers as clerks and supplementing their hours with part time employees. He added that this decision necessitated the tax increase. He also discussed the **commercial trash rate increase**. Rather than putting this into the general fund the majority decided to put it towards fire purchases. Councilperson Polaneczky admitted that he disagrees with this decision because he doesn't feel that the Borough should take from the citizens now in effort to set up for 8-9 years from now. He believes that if we have to raise the taxes then we should take it from the fire tax and not taking quite as much of the milage. Councilperson Polaneczky then stated that he would not vote for or present the budget therefore he passed it to Councilperson Ehrsam. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM said that he doesn't want to present it either as he has a problem with the one loan therefore he passed it to Councilperson Zollers. COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that he has found in his years of experience that you don't always get your way but you still have to do your job. He too is not happy with the budget as he firmly and strongly believes that this is the time to increase the Fire Tax since we already know what we will need. He certainly urges an increase more than what we are doing. There was a lot hammered out in a work session, without details. Councilperson Zollers stated that the expenses in the Borough are fixed. He mentioned that the biggest increase is the increase in salaries, which is in the contract. Additionally, the dispatchers were reclassified as clerks thereby not having a saving there either. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO outlined a brief budget summary stating the major increases and/or changes.

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS stated that the increase in taxes is to preserve public safety by allowing the police station to stay open. Councilperson Zollers made a MOTION to adopt the proposed **2002 budget**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and the motion was APPROVED with a 5 to 2 vote, having Councilpersons Polaneczky and Ehrsam voting no. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked for discussion from the audience. FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS thanked Council for all of the time they have spend with the Fire Company. He stated that he appreciates all of the time spent including deliberations. Fire Chief Zollers said that he is a little confused about the $21,000 for the trash fee and not increasing the Fire

Tax. Additionally, if it's for the Fire Tax then it's for fire protection only and Council would still control it. He asked why Council was setting it up that way and mentioned that he is disappointed that it's not more about planning for the future. Fire Chief Zollers stated that he looks forward to working with financial planners for the Fire Company as they joined to be firemen not businessmen. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they would like to maintain control of the account. Chief Zollers reminded Councilperson Polaneczky that Council does control the fire account. Councilperson Zollers stated that it came down to $90,000, which was needed to fund the dispatchers. The trash increase will increase the fund for the Fire Company. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the result of the increase would be about $30 on top of the ¾ mil from last year and there will more than likely be another increase next year. He added that people have contacted him and the concern is that it's too much money. We already can't cover the TAN and we are paying a penalty as a result and he doesn't understand how we can plan to put money away without paying off what we owe.

Mr. Dick Mead, 35 Crooked Billet Road asked for the percentage of increase for the commercial trash fees. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the fees are going from $335 to $500 and they were $275 two (2) years ago. Mr. Mead asked about the $105,000 in the Liquid Fuel Tax. Borough Manager Pantano stated that capital improvements include reconstructing a road or paving. Councilperson Zollers stated that the Liquid Fuels Tax is used for patching, painting curbs, repairing curbs, signs, and traffic control maintenance. He added that the yearly paving is funded by the Authority and it doesn't come from the Liquid Fuel Tax. Councilperson Ehrsam mentioned that if the interest wasn't coming in then we wouldn't do this work. Councilperson Zollers said that we only use the interest. Borough Manager Pantano said that the interest was intended for capital improvements throughout the Borough. Mr. Mead said that he thought it was for the additional stuff not for the regular stuff.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE stated that public servants are difficult to find and not easy to replace. As a small token of appreciation, he gave Councilperson Zollers, Councilperson Doorley, and Chief Gallen a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their years of work and their outstanding service.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILPERSON ZOLLERS adjourned the December Council meeting at 8:41 p.m. He announced a brief executive session was going to be held.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 7, 2002

7:30 p.m.

MAYOR CELANO stated that tonight is the **reorganization meeting** of 2002-2003. He lead the invocation.

MAYOR CELANO asked for votes for **President of Council**.

MR. EHRSAM made a vote for Dr. Clark.

MR. POLANECZKY made a vote for Mr. Ehrsam.

MR. TAGGART made a vote for Mr. Younglove.

MRS. ZYGMONT made a vote for Dr. Clark.

MR. YOUNGLOVE made a vote for Mr. Taggart.

MR. ACKER made a vote for Mr. Younglove.

A MOTION was made by MR. EHRSAM to appoint Dr. Clark as President of Borough Council. MR. YOUNGLOVE, MR. TAGGART, and MR. ACKER opposed. MRS. ZYGMONT and MR. POLANECZKY agreed. MAYOR CELANO stated that he spent many sleepless nights on this issue. He added that his decision is heartfelt and he gave the affirmative vote for Dr. Clark. With a vote of four to three, having Mayor Celano break the tie, Dr. Clark was appointed to President of Borough Council.

MAYOR CELANO asked for votes for **Vice President of Council**.

MR. YOUNGLOVE made a vote for Mr. Taggart.

MR. EHRSAM made a vote for Mrs. Zygmont.

MR. ACKER made a vote for Mr. Taggart.

MR. POLANECZKY made a vote for Mrs. Zygmont.

MR. TAGGART made a vote for Mr. Taggart.

MRS. ZYGMONT made a vote for Mrs. Zygmont.

A MOTION was made by MR. EHRSAM to appoint Mrs. Zygmont as Vice President of Borough Council. MR. YOUNGLOVE, MR. ACKER, and MR. TAGGART opposed. MAYOR CELANO announced his vote for Mrs. Zygmont. With a vote of four to three, having Mayor Celano break the tie, Mrs. Zygmont was appointed to Vice President of Borough Council.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

SPECIAL MEETING

January 7, 2002

7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT YOUNGLOVE welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that Vice President Clark would not be in attendance.

JUDGE PAUL LEO stated that it was an honor to be at the meeting and do this for the community. He read, with Mr. Chuck Acker, the Oath of Office. Then he read, with Mr. John Taggart, the Oath of Office. Finally, he read, with Mrs. Sandy Zygmont, the Oath of Office. Judge Leo announced that Mrs. Judy Emig and Dr. Bucky Clark would be sworn in tomorrow.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2002

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, and Taggart, Acting Chief Gardner, Borough Manager Pantano, and Superintendent Stauch.

ABSENT
Councilperson Younglove.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Dr. Clark, Chairperson
The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

The **Fire Company Expenditure List** was reviewed by all present. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if Kathy Catoni was an employee. FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that she's a contractor. Councilperson Polaneczky then asked if the siren broke causing us to buy a new one. FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT READING stated that PECO might be involved. This happened once before and the invoice was turned over to PECO and they paid us back for it. Furthermore, he mentioned, we are working with Borough Manager Pantano on this issue. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked what the metal guard was for. Fire Chief Zollers said it's a wire-mesh guard that they build for the generator. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the fuel includes the fire trucks and the vehicles. Fire Company President Reading said the fuel includes the fire trucks as well as the vehicles for the Chief, Deputy Chief, and Assistant Chief's vehicles. Chief Zollers stated that the cordless batteries are going to be reconditioned and the portable radios are engraved so that in the event they are lost in a fire they can be returned. Vice President Zygmont asked if the Fire Company was able to find out more about refinancing. Fire Company President Reading said that he received a rate quote of 4.5%. He also spoke with Councilperson Ehrsam about getting in touch with State Representative Cornell's office to fill out a DCED Grant in order to hopefully obtain another imaging camera. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the refinancing was on the lease. Fire Company President Reading stated that it's on the 1999 Pierce truck. Councilperson Polaneczky offered to run an amortization schedule and then forward it to Borough Manager Pantano.

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated that he recently submitted a memo to Council regarding the transition to **County Radio**. They had a meeting last week and the target date of February 4, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. was set to begin the use of the County Radio dispatching system. He added that the modifications with Verizon and the County are on schedule and there have been no problems. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if Acting Chief Gardner could furnish Council with the new job descriptions of the Police Operations Clerks. Acting Chief Gardner stated that they will basically be doing the same job excluding the emergency calls. He stated that he would get the job descriptions to Council this week.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH had nothing to report at this time.

FIRE CHIEF ZOLLERS had nothing additional to report at this time.

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, Mr. John Younglove, Chairperson
The meeting of the Administration Committee was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Administration Committee was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Mrs. Sandy Zygmont, Chairperson
The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:48 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

BUDGET & INSURANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Polaneczky, Chairperson
The meeting of the Budget and Insurance Committee was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we have gone ahead with Judy Emig collecting the **Business Privilege Tax** and it is not up for negotiations. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported on the highlights of the new agreements for the collection of the **Earned Income Tax** and the **Occupational Privilege Tax**. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we still have a contract on the table from CENTAX. Borough Manager Pantano added that the contract is for January 2002 thru December 31, 2002 and they have automatic renewal. The contract came in at 2.5% for the current a delinquent tax collections and our present rate is a flat rate of 2.5% including delinquent. Furthermore, he mentioned, that other places charge about 10% for delinquencies so their other rates can be lowered. In speaking with Solicitor Meyer, there is a section added for arbitration. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he would rather not have an arbitration clause in there and if Council agrees then we'll notify Berkheimer. Borough Manager Pantano said that the man working on the agreement stated that he was unaware of the arbitration clause and would look into it. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if the arbitration clause was removed, then would the rate change? Borough Manager Pantano stated that he assumed the rate would stay the same. Councilperson Polaneczky said that he believed that CENTAX offered a 2% flat rate and then a percentage on the excess. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he thought it was a flat 2% and added that other municipalities are paying as low as 1.9%. He mentioned asking again if it was really the best rate they had. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked when the decision had to be made by. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we have their services for the year 2000 and for the year 2001 they will have to do the first quarter taxes. He mentioned that he would think it would have to be decided on no later than February 1, 2002. COUNCILPERSON ACKER added that many people already received their Berkheimer forms for the 4th Quarter in 2001.

The meeting of the Budget & Insurance Committee was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, Mr. Ehrsam, Chairperson
The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was called to order at 7:59 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM introduced Becky Felten, a Hatboro resident and a member of Main Street Hatboro. Ms. Felten thanked Council for their support of the Main Street Program and offered to update Council on a fund raising iniative called **Main Street Hatboro Friend's Program**. Ms. Felton stated that Main Street Hatboro was formed by residents, business, and community leaders. It's the job of the Main Street Program to protect Main Street for future generations. Ms. Felten stated that residents and businesses could help by participating in the Main Street Hatboro Friend's Program. In exchange for small donations of $35 - $250, they can get a discount card to utilize at businesses participating in the program. Shoppers will see a special card in the window of the business signifying the business is a place that they can use their discount card in. Ms. Felten stated that the program was launched on December 13, 2001 and the responses were phenomenal. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked what their goal was. Ms. Felten stated that their goal is $8,000. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO asked if the amount of the donation impacted the benefits. Ms. Felten said no.

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES, Dr. Bucky Clark, Chairperson

The meeting of the Public Works & Public Properties Committee was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated he had nothing to report at this time.

The meeting of the Public Works and Public Properties committee was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ZONING, DEVELOPMENT & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, Mr. Acker, Chairperson

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER requested that Council served as the Committee as a whole since the other two members are no longer Council members. He said that Borough Engineer Solarz and representatives from Moreland Crossing were here. Kurt Schaffer, Ed Chadrow, and Sam Braccia Jr. were here to represent Moreland Crossing. Kurt Schaffer stated that they had obtained Land Development and Sub-division approval in 1993 for a project that is almost identical to what they are currently presenting. Upon meeting with Borough Manager Pantano and Borough Engineer Solarz, they resubmitted the plan to be sure that no new ordinances have been enacted in the Borough. They also submitted requests for variances to the Zoning Hearing Board. Three of the four requests were approved. The Zoning Hearing Board did not approve the number of units on site. The request was for 18 units but only 17 units were approved. The property allows them under an acre and a half with 44 parking stalls, public water and sewer and 10 parking stalls for visitors. He added that these townhouses are intended to be condominiums and will therefore have a Homeowner's Association. The homeowner will be responsible for interior walls and everything within them. The community will have the association and will be billed for these charges. Pursuant to the Zoning Hearing Board requests, the property will be fenced and buffered. Mr. Shaffer added that the Fire Marshal requested that the Southeast corner of the site have an emergency access gate, which would be common with the Eleanor Court Apartments. He mentioned that he is in receipt of the Borough Engineer's letter. He also stated that their goal is to sit down with Borough Manager Pantano and Borough Engineer Solarz prior to appearing before the

Planning Commission to reduce the amount of punch list items. BOROUGH ENGINEER SOLARZ stated that since the plan was before Council before for conditional approval, a lot of the comments have to do with that therefore those issues should be taken care of first. Councilperson Acker stated that this was a good idea since there are a lot of items that are housekeeping in nature. Borough Engineer Solarz stated that we should be ready to proceed to the Planning Commission in March.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that there has been a **Community Alliance waiver request** from Auto Body Technology Center to waive the fees associated with the Use & Occupancy Inspections and other items. Mr. Larry Verdusco and Ms. Mindy Shungle, both of Auto Body Technology Center at 246 East County Line Road, have organized a "Welfare to Work" program. It's a non-profit organization and they chose Hatboro because he's a resident and also has a body shop here. Mr. Verdusco stated that, like every business, they have a budget to comply with and they are trying to save money in certain areas. He added that Council is invited to attend on opening day along with Senator Greenleaf and other important political figures in Pennsylvania. Councilperson Acker stated that he admired their intentions and his initial reaction is that many times when Council is presented with this type of request he asks himself if it will set precedence. Furthermore, he added, in the past it has not been Council's decision to waive these rights as it's the cost of doing business. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked specifically what fees they were looking at having waived. Mr. Verdusco said they are installing a spray booth, a fire suppression system, as well as hooking up the gas and electric. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that it totals $431.00 in permit fees. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the Borough has to pay for two different people to inspect the commercial property. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if the money for the permits would come out of their grant money. Mr. Verdusco confirmed that the money does indeed come from the grants. President Clark said that Council has never waived the fees purely to remain consistent. He added that this decision is not a reflection on the applicants or the program. Ms. Shungle stated that this is the first project that Harrisburg has taken on that was this large. She thanked Council for their time and reiterated that this program is putting their clients out into the workforce. She also mentioned that this is a huge undertaking from Harrisburg. Councilperson Acker wished them the best of luck with their business and offered to possibly work out a payment program if they were having trouble obtaining the funds. President Clark stated that he applauded their efforts and thanked both applicants for choosing Hatboro.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER confirmed that everyone on Council is in receipt of the proposed **fee schedule**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there were a few corrections and typographical errors in the previous ordinance plus some of the administrative and permit fees have been waived. The revised fee schedule will be placed on the January Council meeting agenda for approval.

The meeting of the Zoning, Development, & Historical Preservation Committee was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Committees of Council adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESIDENT CLARK announced that there would be a brief executive session held immediately following this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 28, 2002

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Taggart, and Younglove, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Treasurer McKean, Chief Gallen, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER
President Clark called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:47 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by Councilperson Acker to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2001 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK presented Councilperson Younglove a plaque in honor of his years as Borough Council President.

PRESIDENT CLARK thanked Superintendent Stauch and the Public Works department for a job well done with the removal of snow during the recent snowstorm.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO attended a **Regional Flood Task Force** meeting regarding the issues of flooding the Borough and other municipalities experienced in the past. The focus of the meeting was to discuss what could be done to continue with the efforts of doing a regional study involving all of the municipalities affected by Pennypack Creek Flooding. It was discussed, at the meeting, to utilize the Delaware Valley Managers Association to coordinate the efforts of working together to address the problems with the Pennypack Creek Flooding. One manager suggested using a group called Center for Sustainable Communities. They are willing to perform a study at no cost to the municipalities. This project would include identifying the modifications to storm water facilities that could lead to the reduction in flooding. There was another meeting in January; however, Borough Manager Pantano did not yet receive the information from that meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that the metal trim work and gutter corrections to repair the **Fire Company roof** is completed and the invoices have been processed through the Authority. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if there were any problems with the roof during the recent snowstorm. Borough Manager said no due to the contractor assuring the Borough that the job would be completed before the snowstorm. Councilperson Polaneczky commended the contractor for a job well done.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there had been some questions regarding the **Miller Meadow sidewalk work**. One of the contractors complained that monolithic curbs were poured in front of Miller Meadow. They had to completely remove an adjoining section due to a crack in the curb. At this time, it was clear that the curbs were indeed poured separately.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that the **Army Corp** wanted to do their annual inspection of the Pennypack Creek Channel. He added that this inspection is to be done every year and clarified that it is different than the D.E.P. inspection. Since the work was completed the Army Corp and D.E.P. both came out to inspect on the same day. D.E.P. was thrilled with 100% of the work; therefore we'll obtain the reimbursements. The Army Corp had some trouble with the stone, which had been caused by the washout at Jarrett Dodge, and the Borough had to remove it since it shouldn't be there. Borough Manager Pantano stated that one person there thought that something could be worked out with the people from Emergency Management. He added that he would update Council when he receives a response.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said that he had received notification that P.E.M.A. accepted the paperwork for the Flood Grant closeout. The next step is for F.E.M.A. to close out the grant. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the Pennypack Creek project was paid for at $109,000. Borough Manager Pantano said yes.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that the **Borough Hall gutter work** went well and stayed within the budget. He added that some additional work would need to be completed to make the windows watertight.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the testing for the **cell towers** was originally expected to begin on January 23, 2002 however, it was cancelled. He further mentioned that the Gael Corporation will come out with their equipment to perform the testing. Hopefully, it will be rescheduled for February.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Berkheimer noted that the Earned Income and Occupational Privilege Taxes would be down as a result of the old Conti Mortgage building, **330 South Warminster Road**, has had a reduction in personnel. They have, however, rented out space and are looking at hiring approximately 270 employees. Once they reopen and are fully staffed, the Occupational Privilege and Earned Income Taxes should go back up.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that Tax Collector Emig started sending out the **sign permit and tax forms**. He added that we have already received some money and have successfully identified some additional businesses that were not previously on Berkheimer's rolls. As a result we should see an increase in tax revenue. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY clarified that there would now be better tracking of the signs.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. George Bolich, 316 Loller Road, read about the taxes and came to thank Councilperson Polaneczky and Councilperson Ehrsam for running on their campaign promises of keeping the taxes down in Hatboro. He added that he was disturbed by former Councilperson Zollers comment about voting for a 7% increase and stated that in his opinion it sounded more like tax and spend rather than the Republican's views. Mr. Bolich stated that he is beyond the retirement age and is still working therefore he is still able to afford the tax increases but he realizes that many people can't. Finally, he mentioned that he hopes that the remaining Council members have as much compassion as Councilperson Polaneczky and Councilperson Ehrsam have.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 12/31/01 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $511,720.23. Interest credited for the month was $2,142.04. Average yield for December was 1.84%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A MOTION was made by Councilperson Younglove to approve the warrant and manual check lists. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

There was no manual check list available at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO stated that his retirement sale is going well and he is sad to be leaving a store front in Hatboro.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER reported he reviewed a proposed contract for the collection of **Earned Income, Occupational Privilege, Business Privilege, Sign, and Mechanical Device Taxes** with Berkheimer Associates.

SOLICITOR MEYER received and reviewed the discovery request from Rawle & Henderson regarding the **Village Green Apartments**.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER commented on a letter that he received from a resident on Crooked Billet Road. Officers Goold and Krzemien responded to a burglary in progress call and found the intruder. They noticed that the intruder was armed with a knife and due to their quick and decisive action, they were able to place the intruder under arrest without incident. Through further investigations, the officers found other items on the intruder, which were ultimately linked to other burglaries. Their response to this one call cleared four residential burglaries. Acting Chief Gardner mentioned that both officers would each receive a certificate of commendation for this. In addition, he thanked the residents who provided the Police department with the information regarding the burglaries in process.

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER reminded everyone that the Police department would be switching over to **county radio** on February 4, 2002. They have received some assistance from the phone providers and the County and everything is going smoothly so far. Acting Chief Gardner reminded the public that for police, fire, and medical emergencies they should dial 911. The (215) 675-4400 is the emergency line and as of February 4, 2002 Montgomery County Radio will take over this line. The emergency call would then be placed into the 911 system and other calls would be forwarded back to the Police station. He added that the (215) 675-2832 line is for regular business calls. He was pleased to announce that everything was running on target. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if there were additional costs involved with the change. Acting Chief Gardner stated that there would actually be some savings as far as the phone numbers. There is one "roll over" number, which will be eliminated and the County will pay for the other line. The department has gone from four dispatchers to three Police Operations Clerks and to supplement their shifts three part-time clerks were hired to cover the weekend hours and fill in throughout the week. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE requested that this change be placed on the website, in the next newsletter, and on the cable channel.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He added that six employees took a three-hour **fast water rescue course** to learn how to better maneuver around cars and houses, not necessarily creeks.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked if a notice could be put out about people moving their vehicles off of the road during a snowstorm. He added that it's tough for the plowers and the people across the street from where the cars are parked to deal with snow removal as well. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it's only considered a snow emergency route when it is officially declared. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY suggested that we ask people to do it out of common courtesy. He then asked how York Road was with cars being removed. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that there are usually a few cars parked on the road. That is the last road that is plowed before they go home. He noted that there were cars with snow on them out there for days after the storm. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM suggested that the request be placed on the cable channel.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to appoint Joseph Pantano as **Borough Manager/Secretary**. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to appoint Jim Gardner as **Acting Chief of Police**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint W. Robert Stauch as **Superintendent of Public Works**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint Gilmore & Associates, Inc. as the **Engineer**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint Adrian L. Meyer as the **Solicitor**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint John McKean as **Treasurer**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to appoint Jeffrey Heller as **Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint W. Robert Stauch as **Fire Marshal**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint R. Butch Thomas as **Deputy Fire Marshal**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to reappoint John Sine as **Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he received the latest revision of the **Berkheimer contract**. He added that their rates have come down. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that their rates did indeed come down from the previous contract, however, they are charging the Borough 2.5%. Councilperson Polaneczky asked about the problems with the contract. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that there are legal issues, which need to be decided by Council as far as contract provisions. He recommended that they keep a continuous contract unless Berkheimer is provided with a 90-day notice. He added that if the funds were disbursed to the Borough on a monthly basis then the Borough might get a better deal. There are also a few grammatical changes that need to be made. One of the changes included changing the terminology from "arbitration" to "court matter." Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is fine with taking Solicitor Meyer's advice. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE recommended that Solicitor Meyer and Borough Manager Pantano get together to take up their issues with Berkheimer. COUNCILPERSON ACKER suggested that Councilperson Polaneczky also be a part of this meeting. Councilperson Younglove stated that he does not want a five-year contract because there is no incentive for them to improve. Councilperson Polaneczky suggested doing one-year at 2.5%. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked when this decision had to be approved by. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that only the Occupational Privilege Tax forms have arrived. The Earned Income Tax forms have not arrived yet. He further added that the employers need to remit the Earned Income Tax forms by April 30th so they should be in the mail by March. Therefore, the decision needs to be made quickly.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont
VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that they would be advertising for a **pool manager**. In addition, they have been collecting information for the **pool study**. Vice President Zygmont thanked Borough Manager Pantano and Bookkeeper Cannon for their hard work.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART commended Acting Chief Gardner for the job well done with the officers in his department. He added that they have been working on a **Fire Board** and that should be in effect by next month.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER brought up the topic of the **revised fee schedule**. He noted that at the last Committee meeting Council reviewed the fee schedule as proposed. The changes have been made as requested. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY noticed that the swim lesson fees have not yet been changed. He requested that the proposed fee schedule state that swim lessons are $25.00 rather than $15.00. Councilperson Acker made a MOTION to approve fee schedule 02-01, reflecting the changes made to the swim lessons (increasing the fee to $25.00), setting the fees for the Borough. This motion was SECONDED by PRESIDENT CLARK and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
ALLEN MOSEBACH, Police Civil Service Commission, stated that since Councilperson Taggart is now a representative of Council, he would be an observer at the interviews on January 30th and 31st. He mentioned that he worked well with former Chief Gallen and the Borough Code. The Codes have been recommended by the State of Pennsylvania and neither of them have the ability to state if case law effects it. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE thanked him for his thorough reports. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if he met with Acting Chief Gardner regarding this situation. He said yes and former Chief Gallen passed on it, however, at this point the document is five or six years old.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION
VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT adjourned the January Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: DECEMBER, 2001

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	28	448
Tons of Trash	246.00	3,316.58
Street Opening Permits	0	11
Street Opening Fees Collected	0	$595.00
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	2	49
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$200	$1,936.00
Large Article Pick-up Stops	39	514
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	55	997
Newspaper Tonnage	22.69	264.87
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	41.14	425.99
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	12.57	168.83
Tires Recycled and Cost	0	118
Recycles- Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks: 168.83 TONS OF GLASS/CANS, 425.99 TONS GRASS/LEAVES/TREES, 264.87 TONS PAPERS/CARDBOARD WHICH IS TOTAL OF 859.69 TONS RECYCLED, PLUS 118 USED TIRES AND 514 WHITE METAL PRODUCTS ALSO RECYCLED.
6 PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO A 3 HOUR FAST WATER RESCUE COURSE THIS MONTH. THIS WAS FOR AROUND CARS AND HOUSES, NOT CREEK RESCUE.

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : December 2001

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	15	220
Re-inspections	0	51
Fire Investigations	6	82
Special Service	4	28
Fire Reports Issued	0	2
Permits Issued	1	27
Permit Fees Collected	$100	$6,872
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	$50
Inspection Fees Collected	$696	$7,108
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	$300	$600
Total Fees Collected	$1,096	$14,580

Remarks: Use & Occupancy Comm. Inspt. 4 30
" " " " Fees $1,260 $5,455

Name	Inspt.	Invest.	S.S	Total
Stauch	1.30 hrs	.55	3.0	5.25 hrs
Thomas	0.0	.20	3.0	3.20 hrs
Sine	2.30 hrs	.55	1.30 hrs	4.55 hrs
Reading	1.30 hrs	0.0	0.0	1.30 hrs
TOTALS	5.30 hrs	2.10 hrs	7.30 hrs	15.10 hrs

Misc. fees, one fine of $300

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 25, 2002

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Taggart, and Younglove, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Acting Chief Gardner, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

ABSENT
Treasurer McKean.

CALL TO ORDER
President Clark called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by Councilperson Younglove to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2002 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he has been working with Berkheimer regarding the **Earned Income Tax contract**. They have provided the Borough with an updated draft, however, there is still some wording to be clarified regarding transferring the funds from Berkheimer to the Borough. Solicitor Meyer came up with the correct wording. Borough Manager Pantano recommended authorizing the execution of the contract pending the one change regarding the funds transfer. This item has been placed on the agenda to consider approval tonight.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he talked last year about the **pension** problems from the poorer stock market over the last few years. He added that the pension allocation would probably have to be increased by about $55,000. Borough Manager Pantano noted that this was a significant rise and will have a significant impact on the 2003 budget. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the State aid would likely be the same.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that **cell towers** have also been discussed in the past. Representatives of Sprint and the Gael Corporation were out last week to go over the property and to submit a proposal about the site and where they want to put their equipment. Borough Manager Pantano added that a lot still needs to be taken care of with the rental agreement that they are proposing. He has forwarded a copy of the proposal to Solicitor Meyer.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received information from the Waste System of Eastern Montgomery County. The State is looking to raise the tipping fees by $5.00 per ton to pay for the Governor's Pennsylvania Growing Greener Program. This would increase the costs of the Borough's tipping fees by about $16,000 - $17,000 each year. Borough Manager Pantano recommended that Council think about this and decide whether or not to take an official position on this issue. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that it becomes effective in sixty (60) days. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the sixty (60) days would make this more of a significant matter to deal with. Councilperson Younglove stated that we do need to write to our legislators.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said that he had received information from the County and State concerning the **drought** situation and the various restrictions that are in place. He previously gave Council a copy of the frequently asked questions and answers. The water companies are responsible for advising the residents. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the information was on the cable channel. Borough Manager Pantano

stated that he wasn't sure if the questions and answers were on the cable channel, however, he would make sure that they were added if they aren't already on there.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned he has received information from the State that the **Liquid Fuels expenses for 2001 have been accepted and approved.**

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that we held an **Emergency Management meeting** in January to discuss a variety of issues within the Borough. He included a summary of Fire Marshal Stauch's summary in the Council packets. Borough Manager Pantano pointed out that one of the important problems is that the trauma centers are having trouble getting insurance due to high premiums. Abington Hospital is one of the local hospitals effected by this. This means that severe accident injuries will no longer go to Abington Hospital; rather they will be flown to a hospital in Philadelphia. As a result, there was a lot of discussion at this meeting regarding the potential landing sites, in the Borough, for a helicopter.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO noted that one Deputy Chief Trasatti made a comment about the **Hatboro's Unified Command System**. Deputy Chief Trasatti stated that he's worked with several teams and Hatboro's incident command structure utilizing unified command system is the best that he's worked with. Borough Manager Pantano also commented on the Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Team getting a Governor's Certificate of Excellence within the next few days. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that it was well deserved. He saw people in the Borough with the Anthrax scare. The way they handled the situation was very reassuring. Councilperson Acker stated that because the whole County was going through this scare, he felt lucky to know that he was in good hands in this small Borough. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if the Certificate of Excellence was given or forthcoming. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it would be forthcoming and Council would be notified of the date. FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH stated that they meet every month and it might be awarded in Abington. He added that it's just a part of eighteen (18) different things. Fire Marshal Stauch stated that ever since the planes crashed, they decided to work together and have a few symposiums.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **Chelsea and Warminster Road traffic light** is now working. The project is finished, however, there is still landscaping to be done.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned the paperwork for the **Pennypack Creek Grant reimbursement** has been finalized and sent to the State. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked what percentage of reimbursement the Borough would get back. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's about 50%.

TREASURER'S REPORT
TREASURER McKEAN was absent, however, his report is attached.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
A MOTION was made by Councilperson Younglove to approve the warrant and manual check lists. This motion was SECONDED by Vice President Zygmont and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAYOR CELANO stated that his retirement sale is going well and he is sad to be leaving a store front in Hatboro.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
SOLICITOR MEYER reported that he had a conference call with an arbitrator and attorney for **Carr & Duff**. They agreed to a complete exchange of documents and each side is limited to dispose one (1) individual. The arbitration is scheduled for March 26th and March 27th.

SOLICITOR MEYER had a conference with experts from DePallo Design & Planning and Borough Engineer Solarz.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed and amended the Berkheimer contract on several different occasions.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed the release prepared by DePallo regarding information on Streetscape plans.

SOLICITOR MEYER also reviewed and submitted a written opinion regarding the Cell Tower agreement.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER reported that the **radio transition** was completed on February 4, 2002. He is generally pleased with the service. Acting Chief Gardner noted that there is sometimes a delay from the time the call comes in until the time the call goes out to the officers. He mentioned that this is a direct result of sharing the airtime and they are forced to prioritize the calls. When Hatboro was self-dispatching, the calls would go out as soon as they were received. Acting Chief Gardner referred to one (1) recent example where the call for an accident came in and it wasn't dispatched for almost nine (9) minutes. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE asked if this issue was addressed with the County. Acting Chief Gardner stated that he has not spoken with them yet. The Police Operations Clerks are monitoring it in the stations. It has been noted on other occasions that other calls have taken a higher priority therefore there was a delay in the dispatching. He gave an example of an accident with injuries in one (1) municipality, which takes priority on the airwaves over an accident without injuries in another municipality. Acting Chief Gardner stated that it's simply something you have to deal with when dealing with the County dispatching service. He said that he would mention it to County Radio. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked how it was different with the previous 911 calls. Acting Chief Gardner stated that the 911 calls were transferred to our station immediately with the caller getting transferred to our station for immediate dispatching. With County Radio, there is increased volume with the seven (7) other stations that share the frequency.

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER mentioned that the **Citizen's Police Academy** would be running from March 13th thru May 15th this year. It takes place in the Horsham Police Station and any resident of Hatboro or Horsham is invited to attend. The Citizen's Police Academy is in its 5th session. There are typically about twenty (20) people in the class and they cover topics from patrol procedures and CPR to investigative techniques. There has been a good amount of positive feedback from the prior sessions. Acting Chief Gardner invited everyone to attend. He stated that the applications were available at the Police Station.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he's not sure if Council should consider the **Berkheimer Contract** for approval since they have not made the changes. He stated that it could possibly be approved pending the changes; however, the Borough receiving the tax money is a major concern. SOLICITOR MEYER read the clause about the payment being once a month and added that the Borough shouldn't have to receive it once a month. Councilperson Polaneczky made a MOTION to APPROVE the Berkheimer Earned Income Tax Contract for one (1) year, subject to the corrections that Solicitor Meyer has suggested. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Ehrsam and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that Council should be in receipt of the letter from the Rotary regarding the **circus**. Mr. Solomon, Hatboro Rotary, stated that it's the most positive event to raise money and return it to the community. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he has no issues with the circus or the Rotary

Club; however, he does have issues with having it at Miller Meadow. He stated that it is a public safety concern to have it there. Fortunately, the circus, workers, and spectators just missed a catastrophe by a few weeks with the flooding. There simply wouldn't have been enough warning to evacuate the circus. Councilperson Younglove also expressed his concerns about the Borough's liability. He personally feels that granting them the permission to go back there after the flooding incidents, we would be accused of gross and wanton negligence. Then the insurance may be denied. Mr. Solomon stated that he respectfully agrees with Councilperson Younglove's conclusion. He added that the Owner of Jarrett Dodge agreed that that type of flooding occurs once in a century. The other flooding issues were regular floods opposed to flash flooding. Mr. Solomon stated that if there was a regular flood then there would be no problem evacuating people from the site. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM explained to Councilperson Younglove that to ease his mind about this flooding issue, the Borough is currently looking into a flood warning device to go into the creek to warn us of such an incident. Councilperson Younglove asked if it would be installed by May. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he hopes it would be. Mr. Solomon stated that there is a better chance of a plane crashing on the site. Councilperson Younglove disagreed by stating that the plane crash is different since we know this is a flood zone. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he would like to defer it to Solicitor Meyer. He asked if we had a concern and is there something to prevent people from coming against us. He remembers testifying in court about this being a flood zone and would not want to put himself on the line if someone came back about it. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that it depends on how much risk the Borough is willing to take. He added that there is no question that it will come back again. They testified that it was a flood zone because historically it has flooded. Solicitor Meyer mentioned that we will have another storm and possibly another flood. Regarding the insurance company covering it, Solicitor Meyer asked what liability you would presume knowing that it will flood. He added that if you follow Mr. Solomon's line of "once per century" then you would be clear, however, these things don't always happen once a year. It's Mother Nature and you can't predict it correctly at all times. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that since the flooding we have indeed had the Pennypack Project worked on. Mr. Solomon stated that there is a clear difference between flash flooding and flooding and that's the difference from the last storm – there was no time to evacuate from the flood. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we would be named as an additional insured and if we could cease and assist the activity. Mr. Solomon said of course and then it would be a safety issue. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there would be no changes, according to the circus, and they would reimburse the Borough for expenses and Police and Public Works overtime. Councilperson Ehrsam agreed that it would be all be taken care of like last year. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he does not have a problem with it. Councilperson Acker stated that this is usually a topic brought up at the Committee meeting so that if we have issues to be addressed, they can be addressed before we put it up for approval. Vice President Zygmont stated that the issues can be addressed right now, during the Council meeting. Councilperson Acker asked Acting Chief Gardner if he thought that the police could take care of this. ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated that in May there should not be a problem with this. He added that they anticipate losing an officer in March; however, from the Police perspective they should be able to handle it. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if this issue was being brought up in advance this year and if it was, he wanted to know why. Mr. Solomon stated that it was being brought up earlier this year with the attempt to better market the circus. This way they can raise more money. He added that in the past they haven't had a lot of time to market the circus. Mr. Solomon reminded everyone that 100% of the money goes back to the community since the Rotary Club does not take any money from it. Vice President Zygmont asked if there is any time necessary to plan. Mr. Solomon stated that they need to create and make flyers and signage and let the schools know. JOE READING, Enterprise Fire Company, stated that it might be advantageous for the Rotary Club to look into the Shriner's circus. Mr. Solomon stated that the Shriner's does all telephone solicitation and that Harry Reiter stated that it shouldn't be a problem. A resident stated that when the circus first came to town he enjoyed it and was happy about it. He said that it's getting old now, though, and it's disruptive when it's here. He suggested having it come back every other year rather than every year. Vice President Zygmont made a MOTION to APPROVE the Rotary Circus shows on May 17, 18, and 19. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Ehrsam and APPROVED with a 5 to 2 vote, having Councilpersons Younglove and Acker voting no.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart

COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that they were able to hammer out an agreement with Enterprise Fire Company for the **Fire Board**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY suggested that Councilperson Taggart put

this in the form of a motion. Councilperson Taggart started to explain portion one and again, Councilperson Polaneczky suggested that this be put into the form of a motion. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he wants to hear about it before he votes on it. Councilperson Taggart made a MOTION to APPROVE **Ordinance 2002-943**, creating a Fire Board, provided the changes are made. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked Chief Zollers if he was in agreement with the terms. CHIEF ZOLLERS, Enterprise Fire Company, stated that they are happy with everything. Councilperson Acker reminded everyone that this is designed to help the Fire Company. Chief Zollers mentioned that the hang-up was with a few words. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we want people that everyone can work with. Councilperson Younglove noted two typos to be added to the changes. He said that halfway down in paragraph B it should start with "an" instead of "at" and the word in paragraph G should be "assess" not "access." PRESIDENT CLARK stated that no one is opposed to it. He thanked President LeFebvre, Chief Zollers, Joe Reading, and Councilpersons Ehrsam, Taggart, and Polaneczky for making this into a working document. He stated that this should help with the forthcoming months as well. President Clark also thanked the members of the Fire Company. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that an ad can now be placed on the cable channel and he asked the press to advertise as well. Joe Reading, Enterprise Fire Company, stated that on behalf of the entire Fire Company, he wanted to thank Councilperson Taggart for getting the job done and for putting in the extra effort.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that Council should be in receipt of a list of banners that the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Main Street, Library, etc. have requested for approval. He hopes that everyone reviewed them. He would also like to add the banner, which congratulates the new President of Council and thanks the past President. Councilperson Ehrsam made a MOTION to APPROVE the list of banners and putting them up in a timely manner. This motion was SECONDED by Vice President Zygmont. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked about the banner that said, "Let's do lunch." Councilperson Ehrsam stated that there was a problem with the banner hooks at the other banner site. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that Council is addressing the ordinance at the next Committee meeting. He added that they have permission, per the PennDot Ordinance, to put the cables up but should apply to PennDot in a timely manner. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART asked about the banner regarding "The Wonderful World of Women." Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it's about professional women in the Chamber of Commerce. Councilperson Taggart asked if that was an "event" since the rules for the signs are for events. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it's a meeting, not an event. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE asked if Council could vote on the Resolution and it's content at the next meeting. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it's pretty much the same. Councilperson Younglove mentioned that it is indeed pretty much the same, however it's not all the same. Councilperson Taggart again asked if it had to be an event. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the "Let's Do Lunch" is a kick off on March 5th where they will show what they will do in town and in work. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he agrees with keeping it to advertise for event dates, just not for other random signage. Councilperson Ehrsam asked for a specific example of something that's not an event. Councilperson Acker stated the sign regarding the current and former Presidents is not advertising an event. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it's because it was reversed into Councilperson Younglove's spot. Councilperson Acker stated that that was not the problem. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it can be approved separately then. If one (1) person on Council doesn't like it then that's why there are seven (7) members. He added that Borough Manager Pantano has the banner and he can bring it to Councilperson Polaneczky if he wants to see it. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he would like to separate it into two (2) different motions. Councilperson Polaneczky asked what if Councilpersons Acker and Taggart wanted to do something. Councilperson Younglove stated that this is the reason these issues are typically brought up during Committee meetings. Councilperson Polaneczky asked for the definition of an "event." Vice President Zygmont asked if Council could just vote on the list. President Clark agreed with this recommendation: Councilperson Ehrsam withdrew the last motion and made a MOTION to APPROVE the **banner list** that everyone has in their possession, which was previously submitted to Council. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously. Councilperson Ehrsam made another MOTION to APPROVE the other banner for the new President and the past President for the purpose of congratulatory accolades. Councilperson Younglove stated that he will abstain from voting since his name would be on the banner. President Clark agreed and also abstained from voting. This motion was SECONDED by

Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED with a 3 to 2 vote, having Councilpersons Taggart and Acker voting no and Councilperson Younglove and President Clark abstaining from voting. Councilperson Acker stated that we just want to be in compliance with this. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that if PennDot is being advised in a timely manner then it's ok. Councilperson Acker stated that he has no problem with that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there are no obstacles so he agrees with the changes.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he asked Building Inspector Heller to look into the property on BonAir Avenue (former Santarians' Warehouse). He stated that one of his client's lives there and noticed that they are collecting automobiles and tires outside on the property. They are not happy with this because of the mosquitoes and he asked about a junkyard ordinance. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that Council can look into an ordinance as such. He said that he would like to get rid of anything in the Borough that could present a possible fire hazard.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
CHIEF ZOLLERS, Enterprise Fire Company, thanked everyone and especially Councilperson Taggart for being so diligent with the Fire Board.

CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that since they have now approved the circus, he is concerned about the **Fire Police** at the events. Previously he worked with Councilperson Ehrsam and former Chief Gallen about this. He added that Acting Chief Gardner would surely agree that they are needed for these events.

Finally, CHIEF ZOLLERS asked what the procedure is for having a banner approved. He mentioned that he has a banner for Fire Prevention Week and another for a plea for volunteers. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY offered to put into the form of a motion the approval for these banners to be included on the list. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if there was a time frame that this needed to be done by. Chief Zollers stated that he would like them up by October. President Clark stated that it should be presented at the next Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION
PRESIDENT CLARK adjourned the February Council meeting at 8:37 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: JAN. 2002

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	35	
Tons of Trash	259.66	
Street Opening Permits	1	
Street Opening Fees Collected	$100	
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	2	
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$50	
Large Article Pick-up Stops	39	
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	72	
Newspaper Tonnage	21.05	
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	13.4	
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	17.18	
Tires Recycled and Cost	0	
Recycles- Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks:

Public Works

2-Jan

DIESEL

9-21-D	19.4	20.1	18.1	4.4	20.3	16.2	12.3	12	16.6	24.6	15.4	12.5	6.7		
11-1-D	33.9														
17-8-D	15.2	14.9													
18-9-D	29.2	25.2	36.7												
20-12-D	20.1														
21-13-D	29.6	11.4	30.5												
26-14-D	18	23.4													
23-15-D	23.4	24.3	22.4	33.2											
24-16-D	22.2	29.8	12.4	20.8	12.1	21.1	27	23.9	12.3	27.4					
25-17-D															
30-M-D															
44-D	15.7	14.7	4.5	17.5											
TOTALS	226.7	163.8	124.6	75.9	32.4	37.3	39.3	35.9	28.9	52	15.4	12.5	6.7	0	851.4

GASOLINE

12-2-G															
13-3-G	14	10.1	12.3												
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	11.2	33.5	34.9												
16-7-G	21.3														
19-11-G															
27-20-G	14	15.8	14.9												
28-59-G	21.9														
29-M-G	31.6	29.1	30.5	31.2											
42-24-G	15.7	17.6													
43-G	34.1	4.3	12.6												
47-G															
48-G	29.7	26.5													
49-G	19.2	26.1													
50-G															
TOTALS	212.7	163	105.2	31.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	512.1

GASOLINE	512.1
$.97 A GALLON	496.74

DIESEL	851.4
$ .88 A GALLON	749.23

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	2-Jan
6.6	12	8.2	16.5	6.5		13.2		
	4	6.7	12.6	4.8		15		
	3.6	5.5		6.6		9.1		
	4.6	6.3		5.6				
	6	3.3		3.6				
	9.5	3		4.4				
	8	4		3.4				
	4.5	6.7		3.4				
	15.1	12.9		6.1				
	6.8	10		7.5				
	5	3.9		4.2				
	9.3	9.2		5				
	11.4	2.3		5.3				
	9.1	4.5		7.5				
	11.8	3.5		3				
	9.8	7.6		6.9				
	6.8	8.6		7.4				
	9	6		5.8				
	8.5	7.4		4.4				
	7.7	6.7		4.1				
	8.4	7.9		16.5				
	7.8	9.4		6				
	10.4	9.5		3.9				
		10.4		7.5				
		3.1		8.9				
		8.8		6.3				
		10.4		3.9				
		6.5		12.3				
		6.9		10.7				
		15.9		10.2				
		9.9		9.3				
		11.5		8.6				
				11.2				
				10.3				
6.6	189.5	236.5	29.1	231.1	0	37.3	0	730.1

TOTAL GASOLINE	730.1
GASOLINE @ $ .97 A GALLON	$708.20

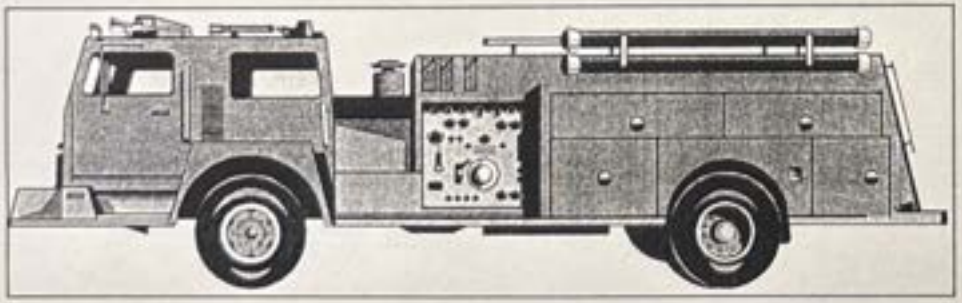
Jan-02

35-D															0
36-D	19.1	15.8													
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	19.1	15.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34.9

TOTAL DIESEL	34.9
DIESEL @ $.88 A GALLON	30.71

34-G	18.9	23.8													
38-G	32														
39-G	17.3	18.3	16.6												
40-G	18.4														
46-G															
TOTAL	86.6	42.1	16.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145.30

TOTAL GAS	145.30
GAS @ $.97 A GALLON	140.94



2-Jan

30-G														0	
33-G														0	
31D	36	33.7	35.1	42										147	
32D														0	146.8

TOTAL DIESEL	146.8	TOTAL GASOLINE	0
DIESEL @ $ .88 A GALLON	$129.18	**GASOLINE @ $ .97 A GALLON**	$0.00

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : January 2002

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	13	
Re-inspections	0	
Fire Investigations	5	
Special Service	2	
Fire Reports Issued	0	
Permits Issued	0	
Permit Fees Collected	0	
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	
Inspection Fees Collected	$627	
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	0	
Total Fees Collected	$627	

Remarks: Use & Occupancy Inspections 4 Fees Collected $835

	Inspt.	Invest.	S S	TOTALS
STAUCH	1.5	1.5	4.0	7.0
THOMAS	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0
SINE	2.5	1.0	2.0	5.5
READING	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
TOTAL	4.0	3.5	12.0	19.5

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 25, 2002

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), and Taggart, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Acting Chief Gardner, Treasurer McKean, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

ABSENT
Councilperson Younglove.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:36 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2002 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he has looked into the Enterprise Fire Company **charging the insurance companies** for the fire calls that they respond to. He stated that this issue was discussed in last year's PSAB magazine. He contacted them to get a sample ordinance. Since the article appeared in December 2000, PSAB no longer recommends this idea nor would they provide a sample ordinance. There have been legal questions raised regarding whether the fee could be considered discriminatory, that the charge may be seen as a use tax and the ordinance may be overturned. If the case were overturned, then the Borough would have to pay back the money. This information was attached to the manager's report and Borough Manager Pantano stated that if Council would like for him to pursue the issue then he would. He added that it didn't look like something to go on.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO sent letters to various legislators and the Governor regarding the **trash tipping fee surcharge**. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he also had a conversation with a reporter from the Inquirer. He received letters from Senator Greenleaf's office and from Representative Harper who sponsored the Bill. Both stated that they feel the *Growing Greener Program* makes these charges worthwhile and Pennsylvania will benefit from it. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned that the Borough expressed displeasure about this and documented it with State Representatives. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked if a letter was forwarded to State Representative Cornell's office. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he did also send him a letter. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked for a copy of the Representative Harper letter. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he received the correspondence today so he would forward it to Council via the Friday packets.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that typically a grant from PEMA to a resident is referred to as a Pass Through Agreement having the funded passed through the Borough to a third party. In this case, the grant was awarded from PEMA for elevation of the **Munn property**. Typically you sign an agreement with the third party person that will receive the funds stating that they will comply. He added that this is a

reimbursable grant therefore the State will reimburse the Borough for any expenses incurred and then we will have to pass it onto them.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO attended a meeting with the **UMHJSA** regarding the major project they will be doing to replace the major interceptor. The replacement of the interceptor crossing Moreland Avenue and Monument Avenue will require road closings. We have indicated that they should be sure that emergency vehicles could still get through. PRESIDENT CLARK asked if it would have any effect on the school district and if the school district should be notified of the plans. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the school district was present at the meeting. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that Mr. Bud Sine was there on behalf of the school district. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if it would have any effect on the walking trail. Superintendent Stauch said no. Borough Manager Pantano added that it would be to the right of it.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he's been working on getting quotes from various **telephone services** as the current provider, Winstar, has gone bankrupt. He noted that the Borough was fortunately working on the quotes before the bankruptcy was mentioned. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he received the best rates from AT&T and had attached a copy of the quote in Council's packets. The Borough would save about $4,000 - $5,000 per year for all the lines and telephone services we currently have. He added that Acting Chief Gardner was also a part of this to be sure that nothing from the police standpoint was overlooked. Borough Manager Pantano stated that unless there is a problem with this, the switchover would occur in May. He also mentioned that there is the option of a one or two-year contract. The two-year contract locks us into the rate. His inclination is to go with the one-year contract since the telephone companies are so competitive. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if this would give the Borough a better way to do the accounting. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the billing is more simplified. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that his inclination is to also go with the one-year contract. Vice President Zygmont asked if it included local and long distance. Borough Manager Pantano said yes and it's with one provider. He added that anything would be better than Winstar and Verizon.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that at the request of the developer, he met with representatives of the **Home Road project**. At this point, no appeals have been filed and the 30-day period for filing an appeal was over in January. The next step for the developer is to submit plans and make an application to the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO previously reported to Council about the **Pension Audit** covering the period form January 1, 1998 thru December 31, 2000. There was a determination that $7,778 would have to be refunded to the State since we didn't use it. He received the audit and the request from the State and sent the money back as a reimbursement. He added that this was an expense from last year and that's where it's budgeted from.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **Ye Old Fire House Hose Tower** was demolished last year and is now housing Second Alarmers. There is additional work that needed to be done inside the house; however, due to time constraints it was not completed last year. This work is done now, by Public Works, and the project is complete. They added siding and exterior work to the walls.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he received final notification from the State that two of the grants that the Borough had received have been officially closed out. The **Main Street II Grant**, in the amount of $45,000 and the **Streetscape II Grant**, in the amount of $210,000 were both closed out. This money will cover the Design Challenge and administrative costs. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he would like a copy of the grant. Borough Manager Pantano stated that a copy of the closeout letter was attached to his report. He added that he doesn't know a lot about the grants because they are from before he was here. Borough Manager Pantano also thanked Bookkeeper Colleen Cannon for organizing the paperwork and documentation.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that he received the final payment from PEMA for the **flood damages** that we incurred during Tropical Storm Allison.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO advised that we have received official notification of the **2002 Governors Award for Excellence in Local Government**. The presentation will be on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at an awards luncheon at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he attended a seminar with Fire Chief Zollers and Fire Marshal Stauch on **Media Communications during a crisis situation**. They gave information that they found to be interesting and informative. He has the information on file if Council is interested in reading it.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he would like a copy of the **Pension Audit**. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she would like one as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 02/28/02 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $790,827.87. Interest credited for the month was $1,086.23. Average yield for February was 1.75%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON ACKER to approve the warrant and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO stated that Shanna's Ice Cream Parlor opened today. He added that the hardware store from the Village Mall would be moving into the former *Starry Night* on June 1, 2002.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he reviewed, revised, and amended the contract with Berkheimer for the collection of **Earned Income Taxes** and **Occupational Privilege Tax**.

SOLICITOR MEYER mentioned that the arbitration scheduled for next week regarding **Carr & Duff v. Hatboro** has been continued. The arbitration is now scheduled for April 4 and April 5. The depositions of Mr. Casey and Mr. Gryga have been continued from last week to Wednesday of this week.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER reported that he sent Council a memo regarding the **bike patrol grant** the Police Department received from PDCED in the amount of $10,000. Acting Chief Gardner reviewed the grant with Borough Manager Pantano. He formally thanked Officer Stephen Plum for taking the time to research the grant and successfully obtain the grant.

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER mentioned that at the recent Public Safety meeting the issue of **pedestrian safety** on the York Road corridor through the business district was mentioned. He provided Council with the number of pedestrian related incidents and the numbers are consistent over the past few years. He looked through the reports and came to the general conclusion that most the incidents occurred at the York and Moreland Road intersection. He added that it was expected as that is the busiest intersection and the more people and cars you have the more chance you have for a conflict. Acting Chief Gardner stated that the issues for pedestrian safety are being taken care of through the traffic signal project the Borough is currently working on. He also mentioned that not all of these incidents took place at the crosswalks. Some people walk out where there is not a crosswalk. He wanted to remind people, for the interest of safety, to be more cautious when crossing.

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated that the purchase of the **new police vehicle** was brought up at the last Council meeting. PRESIDENT CLARK advised Acting Chief Gardner to proceed with the purchase.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark
PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to appoint **Eileen Doorley** to the **Borough Authority** for a term of three (3) years. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to appoint **John Zygmont** to the **Borough Authority** for a period of two (2) years. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT abstained from voting at this time. With a vote of 5-0 with 1 abstaining this motion was APPROVED by Council.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to appoint **Jeff Plunkett** to the **Civil Service Commission** for six (6) years. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
VICE PRESIDENT CLARK stated that COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE had nothing to report at this time.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT made a MOTION to APPROVE **the Goose Guys** contract for $750 per month with a contract for one (1) year with the option of canceling with thirty (30) days written notice. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT thanked Superintendent Stauch for attending a recent seminar on terrorism.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that the Borough received a donation from **Hatboro Rotary** in the amount of $2,500 and thanked them for their generous donation.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM made a MOTION to APPROVE **Resolution 02-02** for **overhead banners** over public roads. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY mentioned that the resolution was exactly like what was discussed at the recent Public Safety meeting.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he received a memo from **the Fair Housing Council of Montgomery County**. He noted that there is a "Future of Development" free local government workshop being held on April 26, 2002 at the Greater Plymouth Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

COUNCILPERSON ACKER adjourned the March Council meeting at 8:06 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: FEB. 2002

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	33	68
Tons of Trash	223.96	483.62
Street Opening Permits	0	1
Street Opening Fees Collected	0	$100
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	4	6
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$121	$171
Large Article Pick-up Stops	28	77
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	70	142
Newspaper Tonnage	22.77	43.82
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	0	13.40
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	12.71	29.89
Tires Recycled and Cost	0	0
Recycles-Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks:

2-Mar

30-G	13.4	13.8	12.2												39.4	
33-G															0	39.4
31D	39	39.8	34												113	
32D	20.8	19.2													40	152.8

TOTAL DIESEL	152.8
DIESEL @ $ .88 A GALLON	$134.46

TOTAL GASOLINE	39.4
GASOLINE @ $ .97 A GALLON	$38.22

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	2-Feb
	8.3	3.9		5.2		17.7		
	13	4.3		3.9		8.6		
	2.5	7.7		3.7				
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	11.5	4.8						
	3.1	9.1						
	13.4							
0	298.3	276.3	0	174.7	0	26.3	0	775.6

TOTAL GASOLINE	775.6
GASOLINE @ $ .97 A GALLON	$752.33

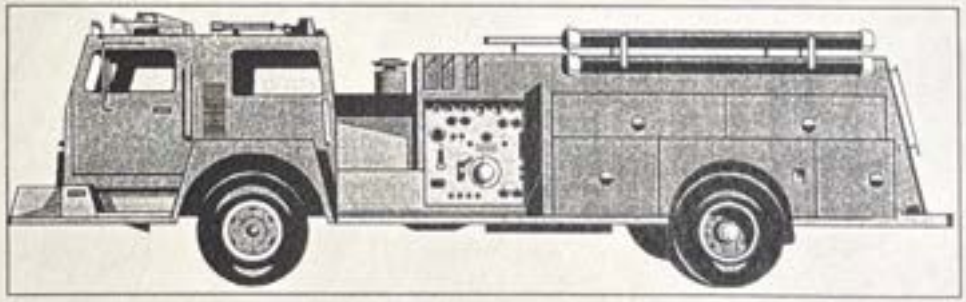
Feb-02

35-D	25.6														25.6
36-D	13.2														
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	38.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.8

TOTAL DIESEL	38.8
DIESEL @ $.88 A GALLON	34.14

34-G	21.8	25.3													
38-G															
39-G	16.1	19.4													
40-G	18.4	17.2													
46-G	35.3														
TOTAL	91.6	61.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153.50

TOTAL GAS	153.50
GAS @ $.97 A GALLON	148.90



BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 22, 2002

PRESENT

President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Taggart, and Younglove, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Acting Chief Gardner, Treasurer McKean, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES

A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2002 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT CLARK acknowledged a letter from the **Millbrook Society** recognizing Viki Connolly and her cooperative efforts to increase the sales of the third consecutive printing of the book Hatboro – Images of America. He added that this book is a great public relations value and asked Borough Manager Pantano to pass along thanks to Mrs. Connolly.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Solicitor Meyer has been working on the **Pass Through Agreement** for the **Munn Property**. The Agreement documents what they are to do and how they are to comply. He added that Solicitor Meyer completed it and Council has been provided with copies. Borough Manager Pantano placed it on the agenda for approval tonight. Borough Manager Pantano noted that the Agreement between the Borough and the State is the standard agreement required by PEMA. A designation agent is required, however, PEMA has advised that the previously approved agent form from Tropical Storm Allison would be acceptable.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said there have been capital projects, including paving on various roads in the Borough, which have been planned for this year. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT added that $49,000 is coming from the Borough Authority. She requested that Borough Manager Pantano make them aware that we only need $20,000 so we will use the additional money for paving. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he would still qualify the letter at this point. Vice President Zygmont agreed.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they are currently working on a grant through a program with the State called the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program. If approved, the grant funds will go towards **building renovations at Borough Hall**. There was originally $50,000 budgeted for this project. They expected to get $50,000 from the Keystone Grant Program. The original $50,000 was utilized for the Fire Company roof, however, Borough Manager Pantano indicated that he hoped that Council would consider using the money from the Pennypack reimbursement from the State. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned that it's due on May 1, 2002 and it's a 50/50 match. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked how the $65,000 was budgeted. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it wasn't. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the money has been allocated or if $120,000 was budgeted without reimbursement. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we budgeted about $65,000 plus the State paid $65,000. He added that now the State reimbursed the money so we have it back. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if it was put back into the revenue. Borough Manager Pantano said no. Councilperson

Polaneczky told Borough Manager Pantano to check on it. Borough Manager Pantano said that he knows its not budgeted. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that the Authority budgeted it. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's a very competitive grant program and he's hoping to get it. Vice President Zygmont asked if it was sent in already and suggested asking State Representative Cornell or Senator Greenleaf if they would send in an additional letter of support.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO contacted Jeff Featherman, representative from Government's Center for Local Government Services regarding whether or not DCED is still providing consulting services to the various departments. Mr. Featherman stated that they still do it to a limited extent. Council should be in receipt of the Letter of Intent form and it could be brought up at the May committee meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council might recall a bill floating around for an **assessment appeal** that the school district paid an appraisal company to do the assessment. We requested that the school district at least make us aware when an appeal is coming so we could be aware the process is going on. Borough Manager Pantano just received notification from the school district that they are now pursuing an assessment appeal at **237 Jacksonville Road** (old Santarians Warehouse) for a difference of about $250,000.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said he informed Council last month that he was working with AT&T and thought it would save money. He was unable to finalize an agreement and in the meantime, **Winstar** went out of business. He stated that since the other lines were with Verizon that he went with them in the interim. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if Verizon gave the Borough an estimate. Borough Manager Pantano said no. Vice President Zygmont asked if we know what the cost is. Borough Manager Pantano said no but the notification was right before the due date and it was too close for comfort so he called Verizon and they gave us the best plan they had. Vice President Zygmont requested that Borough Manager Pantano check on the costs from Verizon. Borough Manager Pantano stated that AT&T was significantly lower than Winstar so he's not sure how it will compare.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dr. Joseph Fairlie, 301 Mill Road, stated that he is concerned about the **search for the new Chief of Police**. He stated that he believes that it is going to be out of the local bounds and spread across the country. Dr. Fairlie asked if the searchers considered the local and talented officers. He, personally, thought of Corporal Robert Hegele. He added that Corporal Hegele has been on the force for over 24 years and has earned a fine record. Corporal Hegele knows Hatboro thoroughly. Dr. Fairlie again asked if local applicants have been considered before approving this search. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that everyone in the department that is interested would have the opportunity to interview for the position.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 03/31/02 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $1,393,074.60. Interest credited for the month was $1,600.54. Average yield for March was 1.77%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the **Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority bill** was for back payment or for a leak. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he didn't look into it yet.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if Judy Emig, Tax Collector, was on either the warrant or manual check list for payment for the collection of the **Business Privilege Taxes**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said no and it should be in the amount of $781.40 and asked Council if it could be added. Councilperson Polaneczky examined it and requests that she receive payment this month. A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE to approve the warrant and manual check lists as amended (paying Judy Emig). This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO stated that he was full of emotion. He said all of the men in the department want to be Chief of Police in Hatboro. In particular, Bob Hegele has been doing a good job. Mayor Celano stated that the new chief should be promoted from within and asked for it to please happen in the Borough. Mayor Celano then read aloud a letter of support for Corporal Bob Hegele. Mayor Celano asked Councilperson Polaneczky why he voted against the passing of the budget this year. He asked if he still had the same neighbors that he was originally concerned about at budget time. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked Mayor Celano what his point was. Mayor Celano stated that the **search for a new Chief of Police** would cost money and thanked everyone for their consideration of promoting from within the department. Mayor Celano asked how much the search would cost the Borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he deposed Al Gryga and Bob Casey, regarding **Carr & Duff v. Hatboro**, on March 27, 2002. He also prepared a brief for the arbitrator and prepared a memo of law for the hearing. Solicitor Meyer noted that the arbitration is scheduled for May 8 & 9, 2002.

SOLICITOR MEYER mentioned that he prepared the draft **Pass-Through Agreement** for the **Munn property** regarding the grant from FEMA and PEMA.

SOLICITOR METER reported that he prepared the legal opinion for the **auditors** for fiscal year 2001.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER reminded motorists passing thru Hatboro that the Police Department would be stationing **speed enforcement details** throughout the Borough. He stated that motorists should monitor their speed when traveling through Hatboro.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He added that last month he did the commercial Use & Occupancy inspection for Preferred Properties, South Warminster Road and they would now have between 45-75 employees. In addition, about 95% of the building will be occupied by July or August of 2002.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK made a motion to contract with **Resource Management Associates** for assistance in locating a new **Chief of Police**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that he had to agree with Mayor Celano on this topic. He mentioned that we have qualified people in this Borough and we should look from within before taking this step. He added that it's a large expense. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he sees that Councilperson Taggart's opinion and mind has changed in the last week. He added that the department has been down an officer, there is no extra money expended, and it won't result in the raising of taxes. MAYOR CELANO stated that he was mad. He asked why he was being demeaned as the commander of the Police Department. He asked what they are all working towards if there is no sign of promotion within. He restated that he is mad and that he and the officers are being demeaned. Mayor Celano stated that Hatboro itself is being demeaned because by hiring this service you are saying that not one person in Hatboro is capable of being the Chief of Police. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE reminded Mayor Celano that all of the applicants would be considered. Mayor Celano asked how much it would cost. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it would cost less than is being saved right now by having Detective Gardner as Acting Chief of Police. He then asked Acting Chief Gardner if he is being paid extra for this service. ACTING CHIEF GARDNER said no. Mayor Celano said the Borough should save more money then, rather than spending it. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Mayor Celano sat at the meeting about this and stated that he thinks all of the current officers should be considered for the

position. Mayor Celano asked about the expense. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the service would help the new Chief formulate and set the goals for the department. Mayor Celano stated that the Police Department is his department. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that part of this whole process is the consultant will help him (new Chief) figure out how to organize the department. It's not just a search for a warm body. Councilperson Polaneczky added that he is in favor of this because they would help out the department for the next three years along with seeking out the new Chief. He asked if Acting Chief Gardner had anything to add. Acting Chief Gardner stated that he would hold back from commenting on this topic. This motion APPROVED with a 6 to 1 vote, having Councilperson Taggart voting no. Mayor Celano asked if he could override this decision. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he could only override it if it's a tie because it's a contract to hire a professional entity. If it was an ordinance then it could be vetoed.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to appoint **Pasquale Battaglia** to the **Planning Commission**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to reappoint **Vince LaSorsa** to the **Sewer** Authority for a period of four (4) years. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont
VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she had nothing to report at this time. She asked if the job descriptions and forms were ok. No one stated that there was a problem with them.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that he had nothing on the agenda to report at this time. He noted that on April 9, 2002 there was an **incident with a pedestrian and the train** in Hatboro. He commended the Police and Public Works departments as well as Second Alarmers and Enterprise Fire Company. He stated that they did a great job and in such a small community it was very important and noticeable. The incident was a big deal and they handled it professionally and efficiently. Councilperson Taggart expressed his gratitude towards them.

COUNCILPERSON TAGGART advised Mr. Pitrone, resident, that he spoke with Superintendent Stauch and Councilperson Ehrsam about the survey that he informally conducted.

PRESIDENT CLARK asked about the status of the **bike patrol**. ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated that they received the grant money from the State and shared the information with Borough Manager Pantano. He added that he utilized the bike patrol at every available opportunity.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked about the **traffic signal for the blind resident** on Home Road. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that he wrote to her and she called to set up a meeting. Vice President Zygmont mentioned that she was not aware of the response. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they are looking into various safety issues. Vice President Zygmont advised that the resident is really having a hard time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM made a MOTION to APPROVE **Resolution 02-03** for the **CDBG Grant Application**. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked if he could combine the two motions up for approval into one. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he could; however, he recommended that they be approved separately because of some of the language in the Munn's agreement.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to APPROVE the **FEMA Grant Agreement**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to APPROVE the **Pass Through Agreement**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously. Councilperson Acker added that these agreements are not costing the Borough anything.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION
PRESIDENT CLARK adjourned the April Council meeting at 8:16 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: March, 2002

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	34	102
Tons of Trash	241.13	513.74
Street Opening Permits	1	2
Street Opening Fees Collected	$100	$200
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	7	13
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$235	$406
Large Article Pick-up Stops	41	61
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	118	203
Newspaper Tonnage	21.13	66.75
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	13.40	13.40
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	13.14	43.03
Tires Recycled and Cost	0	0
Recycles-Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks: 2 employees went to weed spraying classes. 9 employees to refresher hazardous materials operations courses. 9 employees too refresher hazardous materials public works course. 2 employees went to a crisis communication management & management. Mr Pantano also went.

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2-Feb

DIESEL

9-21-D															
11-1-D															
17-8-D	16.3														
18-9-D	21.9	32.3	33.5	28.7	25.2	21.2									
20-12-D	23.1														
21-13-D	14.9	15.6													
26-14-D															
23-15-D	25.7	26	21.6												
24-16-D	11.3	20.6	26.5	22.2	22.9	17.8	22.2	27.1	26.8	28.2					
25-17-D															
30-M-D															
44-D	15														
TOTALS	128.2	94.5	81.6	50.9	48.1	39	22.2	27.1	26.8	28.2	0	0	0	0	546.6

GASOLINE

12-2-G															
13-3-G	12.5	13.9													
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	33.3	26.2	34.5												
16-7-G	21.2	20.6													
19-11-G															
27-20-G	6.69	11	13												
28-59-G	23.3	24.7													
29-M-G															
42-24-G	16.7														
43-G															
47-G															
48-G															
49-G	31.9	29													
50-G															
TOTALS	145.59	125.4	47.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	318.49

GASOLINE	318.49
$.97 A GALLON	308.94

DIESEL	546.6
$ .88 A GALLON	481.01

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : February 2002

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	21	34
Re-inspections	4	4
Fire Investigations	11	16
Special Service	1	3
Fire Reports Issued	0	0
Permits Issued	2	2
Permit Fees Collected	$183-	$183
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	0
Inspection Fees Collected	$496	$1,123
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	0	0
Total Fees Collected	$679	$1,306

Remarks: Remarks: Use & Occupancy Inspt. (4) for 8 Fees ($930 for $1,1775

	Inspt.	Invest.	S. S.	TOTALS
STAUCH	1.45	3.40	.30	5.55
THOMAS	.35	2.40	.15	3.20
SINE	4.35	2.10	0.0	6.35
READING	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.00
TOTALS	7.15	8.30	.45	16.45
TO DATE TOTALS	11.15	11.35	12.45	36.35

DIESEL

9-21-D	19.1	16.6	25.1	22.4	18	18.1	19.3	17.4							
11-1-D	37.7														
17-8-D															
18-9-D	36	30													
20-12-D	26.1														
21-13-D	32.6	30.2													
26-14-D															
23-15-D	24.4	31.7	24.1	29.9											
24-16-D	23	18.1	20.8	23.8	10.1	24.3	35.7	21.8	27.4	13	21.3	25.8			
25-17-D															
30-M-D															
44-D	14.7	14.8	16.6												
TOTALS	213.6	141.4	86.6	76.1	28.1	42.4	55	39.2	27.4	13	21.3	25.8	0	0	769.9

2-Mar

GASOLINE

12-2-G															
13-3-G	14.9	14.5													
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	34.1	52.5													
16-7-G	21.3														
19-11-G															
27-20-G	15	15.2	13.4	14.4											
28-59-G	25.8														
29-M-G															
42-24-G	16.3	17.9													
43-G															
47-G															
48-G	0.3	26.2													
49-G	25.4	33													
50-G															
TOTALS	153.1	159.3	13.4	14.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	340.2

GASOLINE	340.2
$.74 A GALLON	251.75

DIESEL	769.9
$.66 A GALLON	508.13

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

2-Mar

(month - year)

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0	12	6.1	0	8.3	0	13.1	0	
	3.2	6.7		5.1		10.6		
	14.9	5.2		5.7		4.9		
	5.2	11.1		5.7		9.8		
	11.5	6.3		4.4	-	10.2		
	9.8	4.4		7.2		2.7		
	5.2	7		7.7		6.5		
	10.7	4.4		8.8		9.1		
	6.2	6.3		8.1		6.7		
	5.6	7.5		5.5		7.8		
	6.5	10.5		4.7		4.6		
	6.2	8.1		5.1		5.6		
	14.8	9.7		5.3		11.1		
	5.8	4.5		7.3		4.9		
	3.5	7.1		3.2		4.5		
	3.1	6.4		3.4		3.9		
	3.8	8.3		7.1		16.7		
	6.3	5.6		5.9				
	8.4	7.1		5				
	8.7	7.7		4.3				
	8.6	8.6		3.3				
	6.8	4.1		3.6				
	8.3	5.7		3.1				
	4.5	2.9		5.1				
	14.5	7.4		3				
	7.9	7.2		8.2				
	5.9	5.9		6.2				
	4.3	8.3		5.8				
	7	4.5		5				
	6	7.8		4				
	3.7	5.9		3.8				
	8.3	10.4		3.7				
	5.1	3.2		6.7				
	5.4	10.3		3.2				
	5.1	3		4.5				
	9.7	6.9		7.9				
0	262.5	242.1	0	194.9	0	132.7	0	832.2

Total Gasoline 832.2

at .74 gal = $615.83

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

2-Mar

30-G	16.6	16.5													33.1	
33-G															0	33.1
31D	35.2														35.2	
32D	21.1														21.1	56.3

TOTAL DIESEL	56.3
DIESEL @ $ .66 A GALLON	$37.16

TOTAL GASOLINE	33.1
GASOLINE @ $ .74 A GALLON	$24.49

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : March 2002

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	34	68
Re-inspections	4	8
Fire Investigations	5	21
Special Service	2	5
Fire Reports Issued	0	0
Permits Issued	3	5
Permit Fees Collected	$200	$383
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	0
Inspection Fees Collected	$405	$1,528
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	0	0
Total Fees Collected	$605	$1,911

Remarks: Use & Occupancy Inspt. (9) for 17 Fees ($2,700) for $4,475

	Inspt.	Invest.	S.S.	Totals
STAUCH	2.45	1.45	7.30	12.0
THOMAS	1.0	.15	2.30	2.45
SINE	4.0	1.45	0.0	5.45
READING	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
TOTALS	8.45	3.45	10.0	16.30
TO DATE	20.00	15.20	22.45	53.05

Crisis Communications, Manageing Special Events, Terrorism For Elected Officials, & Eastern Montg. County Emergency Management Meetings attended

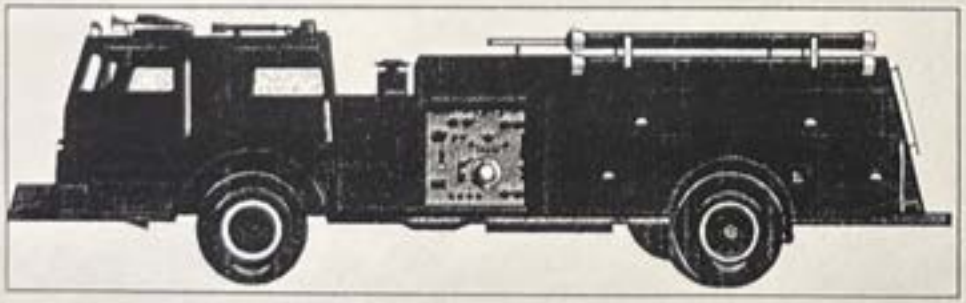
Mar-02

35-D	18.5														18.5
36-D	21.4	10.7													
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	39.9	10.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.6

TOTAL DIESEL	50.6
DIESEL @ 3.66 A GALLON	33.40

34-G	16.3	25.9													
38-G															
39-G	18.9	17.2	18												
40-G	18.8	18.2													
46-G	29.8														
TOTAL	83.8	61.3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163.10

TOTAL GAS	163.10
GAS @ 3.74 A GALLON	120.69



BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2002

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Taggart, and Younglove, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Acting Chief Gardner, Treasurer McKean, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:31 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2002 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK thanked both the Public Works department and the Police department for their assistance with the recent **circus**.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that **public works dump truck lease purchase agreement**, which was approved by Council in October, is ready for approval. The documents are prepared and have been forwarded to Solicitor Meyer's office for review. This item has been placed on the agenda for approval.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO gave an update on the **Munn Property**. Solicitor Meyer has been working with their attorney to settle some issues that did not agree with the terms of the agreement. One of the issues being discussed is the CAP on the legal and engineering bills. It has since been revised and Solicitor Meyer is in the process of settling the details.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he received the information back from **Sprint** regarding the **proposed cell tower**. They indicated that the maximum height would be 130 feet. They have not yet provided a sketch or a picture of what it will look like. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he would forward the sketches to Council once he was in receipt of them. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that if its 40' X 40' then it would be taking up too much room in the park. She asked if the parking lot behind Core States Bank could be used. Borough Manager Pantano verified that it was the lot behind First Union Bank. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that the lot there is not the highest elevation in Hatboro. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they previously looked at a number of different areas. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he is also concerned with the size, as it will wipe out most of left field. ZONING OFFICER HELLER stated that he would mark the area off with spray paint. Vice President Zygmont stated that it's a lot of ground and she would like to look into other options. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they did look at the other options. One of the options was the Public Works property but there was no room for it there. He added that he would talk to a representative from Sprint about the concern about the size requested for the tower, as it may be the ideal amount rather than the required amount. Zoning Officer Heller stated that it's a collocation dimension but if they don't use three units then it won't

have to be 40' X 40'. Vice President Zygmont requested for Borough Manager Pantano to look into the First Union site as an option. He agreed to look into it. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there is already a Nextel tower in Tanner Park. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's on top of the water tower. Vice President Zygmont stated that she'd keep thinking of a more feasible place to put it.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO noted that the **2001 Audit** went very well and stated that he'll provide Council with a copy of the report when he is in receipt of it. He added that he would provide Council with a copy of the draft along with additional information from after the exiting conference. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if he could provide a copy with the changes turned in. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he could provide the copy but it doesn't have the changes yet. It's basically the comments section. He received the evaluation audit for the borough properties and the minutes from the Authority meeting from January since that affects the deficit balance.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Tax Collector Emig is doing very well with the **Business Privilege Tax collection**. He didn't attach a summary, which showed how we compared to Berkheimer, however, we are significantly ahead of where we were last year. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that part of the lack of funds was from the delay in Berkheimer forwarding the information to us. In addition, Tax Collector Emig sent out notices for people who neglected to pay. Borough Manager Pantano stated that she also identified about 80-90 new businesses so the long-term effects are hard to project since it's based on gross receipts. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that this bears a special thank you to her. He requested that Borough Manager Pantano please thank her and send compliments on behalf of Council. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT made a suggestion that it's signed off on so she doesn't have to wait so long to get paid. Borough Manager Pantano stated that she didn't have to wait for payment this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said he has responded to a letter from the County District Attorney's office regarding **community service workers**. He added that they might help with miscellaneous work throughout the Borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO that the closeout documents for the state for the DCED grant that was received for the replacement of the **garage door at the old firehouse** have been submitted. The actually cost of the project came to $7,275.93.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council is in receipt of the updated version of the **newsletter**. He added that if it were ok then it would be printed and sent out. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked how it was getting printed and what the costs were. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it would be printed in the Borough office. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it might be cheaper to have it printed by someone else. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that the Borough office is over the agreement (of copies) each month. She asked for the cost comparison between Ikon charging the Borough for extra copies and Bux-Mont Printing Services. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we are making about 4,500 newsletters. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it would be about that and he would look into the comparison of the two prices.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that the Montgomery County Planning Commission, along with various environmental groups, have developed a series of videos relating to **storm water management**. He mentioned that he hasn't viewed them yet, but since we have had problems in the past with flooding Council might be interested in viewing them

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **Borough Hall renovation grant application** was submitted on time. We asked for $130,000 and he added that this is a very competitive program. Borough Manager Pantano stated that this is just the type of renovation they are looking to see. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked Borough Manager Pantano if he got in touch with Representative Cornell and Senator Greenleaf.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 04/30/02 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $2,159,937.27. Interest credited for the month was $2,801.74. Average yield for April was 1.70%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he saw an invoice from Pye, Karr, Ambler in the amount of $13,000 and asked how we paid it. He also asked if it was on the Fire Company's expenditure list. ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY CHIEF ZOLLERS said no. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it comes right out of the Borough's budget. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if it's additional and if it's for the whole year. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it is additional. ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT LeFEBRE stated that he thinks it's paid for once a year. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he brought this up last year but was told to pay it. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it's probably paid semi-annually and then he asked how they are covered for Workmen's Comp. Chief Zollers stated that they are covered just like the Police and Public Works departments. Borough Manager Pantano added that it's on a form. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if from now on Bookkeeper Colleen Cannon could post something specific for each entity such as Public Works, Police, and Fire Department. ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated that when he receives the **warrant list**, he highlights each section with his department's code. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he would work it out for Bookkeeper Cannon to be able to print out specific summaries. Borough Manager Pantano pointed out that each line item has an account code on it. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he would set it up and then Bookkeeper Cannon can provide Enterprise Fire Company with a printout on a monthly basis. He added that he would make one for Public Works as well. PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the warrant list, without the manual check list being available. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO stated the **circus** was great and everything looked perfect once the circus left.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he prepared and presented case before **American Arbitration Association** arbitrator on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 and Thursday, May 9, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. both days.

SOLICITOR MEYER mentioned that he prepared a legal opinion for the **public works dump truck lease purchase agreement**.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER thanked the other departments, including the Rotary and Public Works and especially the Fire Police and Enterprise Fire Company, for their assistance with the **circus**. He mentioned that the Fire Police are invaluable and do a superb job with traffic control. The circus went on without incident.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He had nothing else to report.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He added that he turned in the information for overtime worked for the **circus** today.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark
PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the **public works dump truck lease purchase agreement**, in the amount of $65,920. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to reappoint **Cathy Farnen** to the **Planning Commission** for a period of four (4) years. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to reappoint **Barbara Hart** to the **Shade Tree Commission**. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that the appointment of **George Emig** is being tabled since it's the policy of Council to interview. He added that they would interview him at the next committee meeting.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we have come close to operating within budget level.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE followed up on the newsletter discussion. He said it should be out in the mail this week other than researching and discussing the issue of printing costs.

COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the permission for the **Pet Animal Rescue Fair** to take place on July 13, 2002 at Miller Meadow as an adjunct to the Sidewalk Sale. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY. With a vote of 6-0, with Councilperson Younglove abstaining, this motion was APPROVED by Council. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is a little concerned and would like to add into the motion that it is approved if the Chamber of Commerce names the Borough of Hatboro as additional insured and the Chamber of Commerce secures the services of the Fire Police. ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated there is a request in progress for the Fire Police. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that it's covered. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it should be in writing. This motion was approved subject to those two conditions.

COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that the **Pet Animal Rescue Fair** is a non-profit organization. Councilperson Younglove made a MOTION to APPROVE waiving the $500.00 fee for use of Miller Meadow. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY. With a vote of 6-0, with Councilperson Younglove abstaining, this motion was APPROVED by Council. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked what kind of costs we incur from them moving down to Miller Meadow. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it's just more fire police and they are paying for that. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that they would need more trashcans as well.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont
VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART commented on the success of the circus. He stated that Public Works, the Police department, and the Fire Police all did a great job.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he had nothing to report at this time but thanked all departments for great work at the circus.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION
PRESIDENT CLARK adjourned the April Council meeting at 8:16 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Kornock

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 24, 2002

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Taggart, and Younglove, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Acting Chief Gardner, Treasurer McKean, Superintendent Stauch, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:36 p.m.

MINUTES
A MOTION was made by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2002 Council meeting. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they received **bids for road materials**. The bids are for blacktop stone and other items. The lowest bidder was Eureka Stone Quarry at $4,275. Borough Manager Pantano added that the quantities of this bid are estimates and the Borough will only purchase what is needed. This item will be further discussed on the Public Works agenda.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that the **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) that we applied for has been turned over to the recommendation list from the County. The recommendation from the County includes the full funding for the project submitted. The total project estimated cost is $147,953. The requested matching grant is $128,654. The Borough's matching funds would be $19,299. Borough Manager Pantano noted that $49,000 has been budgeted for this project through the Authority. He also stated that there is an additional $30,000 budgeted for road paving that will not be needed. Public Works is now identifying roads that should be paved with that money. Borough Manager Pantano would like input from Council about what roads should be prioritized. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT made a suggestion that the money from the Authority is only taken as needed.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO submitted an application to the State for funding under their **Transportation Enhancement Program** for the replacement of sidewalks up and down York Road. Unfortunately, we received notification that our project was not approved. Borough Manager stated that it's a competitive program and he would like to try again next year.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO spoke about the **Warminster/Byberry Road traffic light**. He mentioned that at the time the intent was to get a left hand turn lane going north on Warminster Road. PennDot decided that this was too expensive and the traffic count did not support a left turn lane. Council decided not to budget it for this year. Although the project was not completed, time and money was spent on the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDot. Borough Manager Pantano renewed the permit for an additional year to keep the Borough's options open to proceed with the project. Mr. John Demcisak, 225 E. Monument Avenue, stated that the intersection was changed when they were working on Byberry Road. Now PennDot has to put the thru lane back into the right lane. Borough Manager Pantano added that then the problem is adding to the delay for the straight traffic and the right turn lane almost doubles on the center lane. Mr. Demcisak stated that that's

PennDot's rational. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's their study. Mr. Demcisak concluded by stating that he travels through that intersection everyday and it's a mess when it snows as well.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **Public Works dump truck** is finally in. The lease agreements are in and the truck should be delivered soon.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received the **PennDot Winter Services Agreement**. The agreement is for plowing and salting state roads during snow and ice events. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the agreement is for 5 years at $5,482.44 per year. He added that he would like to review the contract and report back to Council at the next Committee meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that **Resolution 02-02** regarding **overhead banners** was submitted to the State. Borough Manager Pantano received notification that everything was acceptable and the resolution is on file.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received information from the County regarding a request they received about starting a new fire company called **Hatboro Fire & Rescue Company**. To get recognition, though, you have to go through the Borough first.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 05/31/02 the balances invested in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) totaled $2,169,248.29. Interest credited for the month was $3,095.03. Average yield for May was 1.67%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked if Borough Manager Pantano received a copy of the **DePallo Design** bills. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO asked if he was looking for information other than what he provided Council with already. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he would like to hold off on payment of the bills until we see what the charges entail. PRESIDENT CLARK asked what that meant. Borough Manager Pantano said it meant that we would hold off on paying DePallo Design despite agreeing to pay them as we moved forward. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that we agreed to pay them with the stipulation that we had a breakdown of what the bills entail. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT mentioned that she thought that they were supposed to provide us with the breakdown. President Clark stated that he thought that we were just going to move forward. Councilperson Ehrsam said that it was prior to the meeting that it was decided. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY thought that was for the $8,000-$9,000 bill. Borough Manager Pantano stated that this was related to the arbitration meeting. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that we sent payment and still did not get the breakdown that we are entitled to. President Clark asked if we could hold it. Borough Manager Pantano said that we could obviously hold it, however, we assured them that we would pay them. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he had no problem paying them but he wanted to know what the bill entailed. Vice President Zygmont added that he was right and this was the bill before arbitration. Borough Manager Pantano stated that from his recollection when we went to them for a breakdown and wrote a letter they said that they weren't doing anything anymore. Then President Clark was going to send a letter. President Clark agreed that he did send a letter. Councilperson Younglove stated that we qualified that we would pay based on future discussions. He suggested pulling the correspondence and holding the payment.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT noticed that some of the **PECO bills** paid in June were from March 2002. She asked why this was and if the Borough incurred late fees. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they are probably late He added that Bookkeeper Cannon tries to pay them as quickly as she can and he's not sure why this one wasn't paid. Vice President Zygmont asked Borough Manager Pantano to let her know what the late fees are.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked what **Buzz Off** and **Spot Remover** were for. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that it's a variety of different items. Some of it is bee spray and some is carpet cleaner. He mentioned that there were probably seven (7) other items purchased from that vendor. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the vendor is Liberty Laboratories and they probably sell chemical products. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if it was used at the pool. Superintendent Stauch said yes it was. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO noted that when Bookkeeper Cannon processing the checks, she commonly picks just a few items that were on the statement. She doesn't always write everything that was purchased on the check. Vice President Zygmont stated that she was upset because she thought that she would get to see what was going to be purchased before it was ordered.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT also inquired about the **first aid kits**. Superintendent Stauch stated that he purchased a first aid kit and then Pool Manager Miller bought some more.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked about the services for **Reed Smith** and what the fees were for. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it was for Joe Rudolph and he will report in more detail in executive session.

COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the bills pending holding the check for DePallo Design until we receive what the charges entail. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO introduced Corporal Becker, Former Chief Campbell, and Officers Petrik, Ottey, and Carr. He is filled with sadness about what is currently happening with the **Police Department** and the appointment from within. Hatboro is the utmost in his mind each day and he loves the Borough dearly. Mayor Celano added that he was in business for 56 years and the residents and businesses know him as the Mayor. He begged Council not to take the Hatboro Police Department away. He recommended keeping the Hatboro Police Department and promoting to Hatboro Chief from within. Mayor Celano mentioned that you should be proud of the place you live in but above all else let the place you live in be proud of you.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER continued dialogue with John Lauffer, attorney for **Mr. and Mrs. Munn** and drafter an amended release.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed the Commerce Bank file and their **Traffic Study**.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed the Agreement for the purchase of **road materials**.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

ACTING CHIEF GARDNER reported that Officer Petrik recently underwent **bike patrol** training pursuant to the bike grant. He added that they are currently in the process of outfitting Officer Petrik for bike patrol. Acting Chief Gardner noted that Officer Petrik placed top in skills training.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He had nothing else to report.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council interviewed candidates for a one (1) year term for the **Vacancy Board**. President Clark made a MOTION to appoint George "Skip" Emig to the Vacancy Board for one (1) year. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve a **settlement agreement for a termination case**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM. With a vote of 6-1, having COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY voting against it, this motion was APPROVED by Council.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

PRESIDENT CLARK complimented Councilperson Younglove on the fine job on making the **Spring/Summer 2002 Newsletter**.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont
VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT made a MOTION to consider waiving the fee for the **circus**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that **High 5 Summer Camp** requested to use the Hatboro Memorial Pool for about 25 children, as they have done in the past. Vice President Zygmont suggested having High 5 Summer Camp sign off that the Borough is not responsible and we should receive a copy of their insurance. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we should be named as insured. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated the Borough of Hatboro is already listed as additional insured. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked who High 5 Summer Camp was. Vice President Zygmont stated that they have been coming to the pool for the past three (3) or four (4) years.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that he would like Council to consider a **Resolution for the Fire Police**, thereby creating a permit fee for traffic and crowd control. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE agreed that this was a good idea. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he thought he was on the Public Safety Committee and that there was going to be a meeting where it would be agreed on that the Chief would log in the hours. He added that he thought that it was going to be worked out without a Resolution and he stated that he's not sure how this idea made it to the floor when the Public Safety Committee wasn't in agreement. Councilperson Taggart stated that all of the information that's in the Resolution is what has been previously discussed. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he thought that it would be a compromise. Councilperson Taggart stated he tried to compromise. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it seemed as though this one was worked out already by Councilperson Taggart. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he thought Councilperson Taggart was in agreement with the memo. Councilperson Taggart stated that he is indeed in agreement with the memo. He was approached by the Fire Company about this problem and he's trying to find a solution. Councilperson Taggart added that he didn't think the memo was a solution to the problem. He asked if they wanted it reformatted, however, Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it was unacceptable. Now, as a result, he's pushing forward with the Resolution. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that at the meeting, Enterprise Fire Co. Chief Zollers, members of the Chamber of Commerce, Council, and the Rotary and they were all in agreement. Councilperson

Taggart mentioned that it's in the memo. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that it was agreed that it would be done in that format. Councilperson Polaneczky thinks that Joe Tryon, Mickey Glantz, and Fred Zollers came to an agreement. Additionally, he doesn't want to get into the business of collecting permit fees. Councilperson Taggart stated that the Borough does that everyday. It is our business to collect permit fees. Councilperson Polaneczky asked what happens if we collect the money and give it to Hatboro's Fire Company and then Horsham has a problem. He asked who was responsible since the Borough collected the money. He also asked if we were required to use our Fire Police. Councilperson Polaneczky mentioned that he is not in support of this Resolution and will not vote for it. Councilperson Ehrsam believes that this Resolution takes away from them being volunteers. Councilperson Younglove stated that they are from out of town and they can't be expected to just show up. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that there wasn't a problem. Councilperson Younglove disagreed and said there was a problem. The money needs to be collected upfront so it is there when needed. Councilperson Ehrsam asked how to come up with a fee when the services aren't rendered. Councilperson Younglove stated that an estimate is the only way to do it and he compared it to a building permit. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated they volunteer to help with accidents and with the Fire Company, not for circus and car show traffic. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that they are a non-profit organization. ENTERPRISE FIRE CO. CHIEF ZOLLERS stated that the Fire Company is looking for reimbursement of expenses for barricades, radios, equipment, etc. He added that what the other companies do is up to them. We would not be setting precedence. Chief Zollers said St. John Bosco is having a carnival and the Fire Police are getting paid $15 an hour. Councilperson Acker said to have these events (car show & circus) is to go beyond their regular duties. He added that we can't take our police officers from the police department for these types of extra activities and we need help from other people. Councilperson Acker mentioned that if they stop coming because we are not paying them then there would be more trouble. Chief Zollers noted that we are already having problems with them getting paid. Councilperson Acker asked what we would do if we didn't have the fire police helping us. ACTING CHIEF GARDNER stated that the Police Department is stretched for manpower. He estimates that he'll need ten (10) Fire Police for the car show. They will be needed for traffic control plus with the weather conditions, they are entitled to breaks. Acting Chief Gardner added that the police officers take intersections as well, however, their primary duty is for security and law enforcement. Acting Chief Gardner said the Fire Police are an invaluable asset to the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Borough as a whole. They help when the traffic lights are out and when there are vehicle accidents and they are not looking to get paid for that. They are willing to come out for free at 3:00 a.m. That's what they volunteer for. Councilperson Acker asked what we would have to do if we didn't have their assistance. Acting Chief Gardner said we might have to obtain outside police officers or pay overtime for our officers. Councilperson Ehrsam asked if that's assured before the events. Acting Chief Gardner said that we meet with the event organizer and determine how many Fire Police are necessary and then we sent out a letter of request to the Fire Police Captain. The Fire Police Captain then takes control and organizes personnel. Hatboro has five (5) or six (6) and they have always been good. Chief Zollers agreed with this statement. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that in the memo there is an event request form to be signed and we would require that before the event. He added that this way we are not on the line. This is necessary for people who would ask to have fees waived. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the Resolution is poorly worded and he doesn't understand why we would pay $7.50 when other places are offering $15.00. He asked if we have set up qualifications for the Fire Police. Councilperson Taggart stated that they are sworn in Fire Police. He added that if we just rely on signatures then we would be back to the "he said/she said" problems. Councilperson Taggart mentioned that it's not going to solve problems. That's the problem now. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that everyone agreed to the memo though. Councilperson Taggart stated that there is no recourse for not abiding to the memo. All the memo stated is that if they don't follow the guidelines then they have to go before the Public Safety Committee and that's where they are at already. Councilperson Ehrsam asked why Councilperson Taggart walked out the door of the meeting and then changed the memo. Councilperson Taggart stated that he's just trying to help. Councilperson Polaneczky said if Councilperson Taggart was doing what he was elected to do and if he had the guts then he would

just tell people. He added that the Resolution doesn't drive anything. Councilperson Taggart mentioned that Councilpersons Polaneczky and Ehrsam both sit on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and it's possible that next year we'll be sitting here discussing the same exact issues with this. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that you have to separate yourself from the Boards you sit on. Vice President Zygmont stated that it was getting too technical and suggested that we just go with the Request Form and not the Resolution. Councilperson Acker asked if a contract would be a better idea. Vice President Zygmont stated that she didn't want to see us getting sued. Councilperson Ehrsam said a contract is just a paper with two signatures. He asked what the difference was between a contract and the memo. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he wants to keep the Fire Police as a volunteer unit and pay them for services as needed. Chief Zollers stated that everyone agreed to that but they also said that they were going to check with their organizations. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he didn't think that the Executive Board had a problem with the decision. Councilperson Polaneczky said the Chamber meeting is tomorrow. Councilperson Ehrsam said they agreed to pay $200 for the Sidewalk Sale but then the number changed to around $350. He added that they have no problem doing that and the event will carry it. Vice President Zygmont stated that the Request Form actually needs more information. She suggested adding a signature line for a representative of the organization. Councilperson Taggart stated that he tried to explain the Resolution. Vice President Zygmont said there was a motion on the floor. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the document could be worked on. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER. With a vote of 3-4, having President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, and Councilpersons Ehrsam and Polaneczky voting no, was not approved. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the memo could be implemented right away. Councilperson Acker noted that the reason this is even being discussed is because there was a problem. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how long it would take to get a copy out to everyone that's held an event in Hatboro. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said it would not take long at all. Councilperson Ehrsam stated there was a typo in the document.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM made a MOTION to approve the **bid for road materials** to **Eureka Stone Quarry** in the amount of $4,275.00. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approved the revised preliminary plans for **Moreland Townhomes** subject to the Applicant meeting the requirement in Gilmore & Associates, Inc. letter dated May 2, 2002. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
Frank Campbell, 25 Fairview Avenue, noted that nothing was said tonight about the **proposed police merger**. He asked when it would be discussed. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he promised that it would be discussed in July. He added that they would have the preliminary report in July. Mr. John Demcisak, 225 E. Monument Avenue, asked exactly what date the proposed police merger would be discussed on. President Clark said the meeting would take place on July 8, 2002. Mr. Demcisak requested that if Council decided to act on the decision that they waited until the fall when everyone is back from their vacations. President Clark assured him that there are many pieces and guarantees that it will not come to a decision this summer.

Mr. Ed Henry, 238 BonAir Avenue, asked Borough Manager Pantano if he spoke to Borough Engineer Solarz regarding **Closet Works** and their response to his letter. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said no. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked what letter he was referencing. Mr. Henry said it was a threatening letter from the Closet Works that he was harassing them. He added that Closet Works is in non-compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and it's the Engineer's responsibility to take care of that. He mentioned that he should not have to be responsible to take care of this non-

compliance issue, as he is a resident. Mr. Henry stated that a nasty message was left on his answering machine threatening him with legal action. Mr. Henry stated that this is a landscaping issue and the project is over 1 ½ years old. He mentioned that he's upset with the Borough's Engineer and with the fact that the Borough allowed their escrow money to run out. Mr. Henry said there are also tractor-trailers parked where they shouldn't be. Borough Manager Pantano said he would follow up with Mr. Henry.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESIDENT CLARK adjourned the June Council meeting at 8:56 p.m.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

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